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OF THE

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OF

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OF THE

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The Twenty-third Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, held in Masonic Hall, N. E. corner of Washington and North Division Streets, Buffalo, N. Y., commencing on Tuesday, August 21st, A.: I.: 2407, A.: D.: 1877, at 12 o'clock, M.

PRESENT:

GENERAL GRAND OFFICERS.

M.: E.:	ELBERT H. ENGLISH, Arkansas,		G∴ G∴ H∴ P∴
Comp.	JOHN FRIZZELL, Tennessee,		D.: G.: G.: H.: P.:
66	ROBERT F. BOWER, Iowa		G∴ G∴ K∴
6.6	ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Massachusetts, .		G.: G.: S.:
4.6	JOHN McClellan, Massachusetts, .		G.: G.: Treasurer.
66	CHRISTOPHER G. Fox, New York,		G.: G.: Secretary.
"	Noble D. Larner, District of Columbia,		G.: G.: C.: H.:
6.6	HENRY BOSTWICK, Kentucky,		G∴ G∴ R∴ A∴ C∴

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

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ARKANSAS, Elias R. Du Val,	Grand High Priest.
CALIFORNIA, Henry H. Knapp,	Grand High, Priest.
CONNECTICUT, Dwight Waugh,	Grand King.
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	Josiah H. Drummond,	•		proxy of	Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, and Grand Scribe.
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WELCOME TO THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

Previous to the calling of the roll of members the companions were called to order, by the General Grand High Priest, whereupon Comp. George Van Vliet, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York, briefly addressed the General Grand Chapter, extending in appropriate terms a cordial welcome to its members, expressing the hope that their visit to the jurisdiction of New York would be both pleasant and profitable, and trusting in common with all earnest friends of the General Grand Body, that its proceedings at this Triennial Convocation might result in great good to the Royal Craft under its widely extended jurisdiction; and a fitting response was made by Comp. John Frizzell, Deputy General Grand High Priest.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The General Grand High Priest appointed Comp. Rev. Darius H. Muller, of New York, General Grand Chaplain, and Comp. John B. Hunter, of New York, General Grand Sentinel; and, for the purpose of the opening exercises, Comp. James D. Pollard, of New York, General Grand Principal Sojourner, Comp. George L. McCahan, of Maryland, General Grand Master Third Vail, Comp. Silas E. Sheldon, of Kansas, General Grand Master Second Vail, and Comp. Peleg Brown, of Alabama, General Grand Master First Vail.

The General Grand Chapter was then opened in AMPLE FORM—with prayer by the General Grand Chaplain, and appropriate musical exercises under the direction of Comp. ROBERT DENTON, of New York.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The General Grand High Priest appointed the General Grand Secretary and Comps. Azariah T. C. Pierson, of Minnesota, and Peleg Brown, of Alabama, the Committee on Credentials.

On motion of Comp. Wheeler, of Nebraska, the General Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until three o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION, TUESDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The General Grand Chapter resumed labor.

M.: E.: Elbert H. English, General Grand High Priest, presiding.

Officers, Permanent Members and Representatives present as before.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The General Grand Secretary, of the Committee on Credentials, submitted the report of that Committee, by which it appeared that the elective and appointed General Grand Officers, Representatives of Grand Chapters, and Permanent Members present at the morning session, and answering to the roll call, were entitled to seats in the General Grand Chapter.

REPORT ORDERED PRINTED.

On motion of Comp. Dana, of Vermont, the report was received and adopted, and five hundred copies of the same ordered printed for distribution.

ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

M.: E.: Elbert H. English, General Grand High Priest, submitted and read the following:

COMPANIONS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER:

GIRARD, SMITHSON, PEABODY and VANDERBILT are sleeping. They are not toiling, but they were the founders of institutions which are laboring, and may continue to work for the enlightenment of mankind through all the coming ages.

It is a law of the empire of Japan, that every man who fells a tree, must plant another. He must leave something to benefit those who come after him.

It may be well for us, at this triennial reunion, after the flight of a period of time equal to one tenth of the average years allotted to human life, to pause and consider what good works we have done, that may be of advantage to those who may live when we are gone.

We have, however, done a good work to-day, which all the world may know. We have set an example, which if all men would follow, in sincerity and faith, might result in more good to the human race than all the trees planted in Japan, or the institutions founded by the men of enlarged charity, to whom reference has been made. We have bent our knees, in worship and in prayer, to God-not to Baal, or Jupiter, or Moloch, or On, or any other pagan deity. Not to a vital force in matter, the false God of a senseless philosophy; but to Him who was before, above, and fashioned all matter. To Him whose spirit moved upon the face of the waters, when darkness covered the face of the great deep, and who said "let there be light!" and the sun, and all the planets, comets, and glittering stars leaped into the heavens. To Him who uttered his ineffable name in the ear of Moses, from a flaming bush, at the foot of Horeb; and amidst the clouds and thunder of Sinai communicated to man the moral law. To Him who "formed us of clay, and made us men," and, when dissolved in dust, will bring us all to life To Him who rewards virtue and punishes vice, without a belief in which the passions of men would run riot, and all moral and religious fabrics would tumble into ruins.

O, Masons of France! If a few of your misguided leaders have stricken from your Constitution the clause which declares that Masonry is founded on a belief in God and the immortality of the soul, put it back. Restore this *landmark* of all true Masonry. Remember the blood and carnage of the revolution, when the maddened profane wrote over the doors of your temples of worship "There is no God—Death is an eternal sleep."

We have done another good work to-day, which all the world may know. We have clasped hands around our sacred altar, and formed a living chain—which symbolizes that chain which links together all Masons of all climes under the blue arch above us, as a band of brothers and companions. If all men over the globe were bound together by this chain, war and bloodshed and strife would cease, and the angel of peace would proclaim the fallen earth redeemed!

THE DEPARTED.

But there are missing links in the chain. Since your last convocation, a number of Past Grand High Priests, life members of this body, men of great worth, and among them a Past General Grand Scribe, have fallen "as the leaves fall."

All honor has been paid to their memories in the respective jurisdictions where they lived, and labored, and were best known. Here a memorial should be made of their departures, and a tribute paid to their virtues. For years to come, when surviving companions look over the record, pleasing associations will be recalled, mingled with mournful emotions on account of their loss.

The solemn death roll of Most Excellent Companions:

JOHN WILLIAM HARVILLE, P.: G.: H.: P.: of California, died at San Francisco, March 2d, 1875, aged 50.

CHARLES MARSH, P.: G.: H.: P.: of California, and P.: G.: G.: Scribe, died at Nevada City, April 28th, 1876, aged 51.

GEORGE GIDDINGS, P.: G.: H.: P.: of Connecticut, died Aug. 14th, 1875, aged 74.

JAMES EDWARD FRISBY HOLMEAD, P.: G.: H.: P.: of District Columbia, died at Washington, October 19th, 1875, aged 41.

JAMES VAN ZANT BLANEY, P.:. G.:. H.:. P.:. of Illinois, died at Chicago, December 11th, 1874, aged 54.

SOLOMON D. BAYLESS, P.:. G.:. H.:. P.:. of Indiana, died May 30th, 1875, aged 61.

ERASTUS W. H. ELLIS, P.: G.: H.: P.: of Indiana, died at Goshen, October 10th, 1876, aged 61.

RICHARD R. REES, P.: G.: H.: P.: of Kansas, died at Leavenworth, November 19th, 1875, aged 65.

JOHN M. S. McCorkle, P.:. G.:. H.:. P.:. of Kentucky, died at Louisville, March 5th, 1875, aged 76.

Wendell Thornton Davis, P.: G.: H.: P.: of Massachusetts, died December 3d, 1876, aged 58.

JOHN N. McJilton, P.:. G.:. H.:. P.:. of Maryland, died April 13th, 1875, aged 70.

JOHN L. YEATES, P.: G.: H.: P.: of Maryland, died July 24th, 1875, aged 72.

TIMOTHY CHASE, P.: G.: H.: P.: of Maine, died at Belfast, March 6th, 1875, aged 82.

SAMUEL RUSSELL, P.: G.: H.: P.: of Missouri, died at St. Joseph, December 9th, 1874, aged 60.

Daniel Balch, P.: G.: H.: P.: of New Hampshire, died at Manchester, August 22d, 1875, aged 78.

EDWARD W. HARRINGTON, P.:. G.:. H.:. P.:. of New Hampshire, died July 11th, 1876.

THOMAS WEBBER DEWEY, P.:. G.:. H.:. P.:. of North Carolina, died August 4th, 1875, aged 48.

JACOB GRAFF, P.: G.: H.: P.: of Ohio, died at Cincinnati, November 30th, 1875, aged 73.

STEPHEN H. JOHNSON, P.: G.: H.: P.: of Mississippi, died June 22d, 1875.

JOHN WALKER PAXTON, P.: G.: H.: P.: of Tennessee, died December 9th, 1874, aged 51.

CALEB DROWN, P.: G.: H.: P.: of Rhode Island, died September 9th, 1874, aged 89.

ERASTUS LEWIS, P.: G.: H.: P.: of Wisconsin, died at Janes-ville, September 17th, 1875.

HENRY S. BAIRD, P.: G.: H.: P.: of Wisconsin, died at Green Bay, April 30th, 1875, aged 75.

DAVID JONES, P.: G.: H.: P.: of Florida, died at Jacksonville, February 24th, 1877.

Were these good and useful men formed of but the material elements that make up the little planet on which they lived, and toiled for a few fleeting years? Had they no *souls*, or if souls, were they mere sparks from the sun, and were they extinguished, like expired lamps, when death laid his cold hand upon their bodies?

As facetiously remarked, by a distinguished philosopher, "Is a man but forty pounds of carbon, a little nitrogen, and a few pails of water?"

If our departed companions were but organized matter, why erect monuments to crumbling dust! Why plant the everblooming *acacia* at the head of their graves?

If there be no immortality, your temples of worship and your funeral ceremonies are mere mockery, and all the lofty aspirations and hopes of men are but dreams and empty delusions!

But this is the teaching of bastard science and false philosophy. There is no truth in it.

No, companions; but among the green hills, away over the dark river, where perpetual youth and spring abound, we shall meet our departed friends again.

DECISIONS.

The following decisions have been made, and are fraternally submitted for review:

Case No. 1.—Officers of Golden Chapter.

On the 8th December, 1873, a dispensation was granted by my predecessor, to twelve Royal Arch Masons to open a new Chapter at Golden, Colorado, to be called Golden. Among the petitioners for the dispensation were Comps. Mariner Cook, James Kelly, and Wm. C. Byers, who were appointed in the order named, High Priest, King, and Scribe of the new Chapter.

At the stated convocation of the Chapter last preceding the surrender of the dispensation, a resolution was adopted requesting the General Grand Chapter to grant a warrant of constitution, &c., and in it to name Comps. Francis E. Everett as High Priest, G. G. Whyte as King, and M. C. Kirby as Scribe, &c.; which resolution was forwarded, with the returns of the Chapter, to the Nashville Convocation of the General Grand Chapter.

Accompanying the returns, was also a letter from Comp. Mariner Cook, H.: P.: of the Chapter, in which he stated that he "signed the report to keep peace and harmony in the Chapter," but regarded as illegal the action of the Chapter electing three persons to be named, in the warrant prayed, as High Priest, King and Scribe, whose names did not appear in the dispensation, and recommending that the three companions named in the dispensation as the first three officers, be named as such in the charter. In this letter Comp. John W. Webster, P.: H.: P.:, and Comp. Orson Brooks, H.: P.: of Denver City Chapter, joined.

A charter was ordered to GOLDEN CHAPTER, but the question as to who should be named as the first three officers in the charter was referred to the General Grand High Priest, (*Proceedings* 1874, p. 56,) who decided as follows:

- 1. It is usual to name as the first three officers in the charter, the same companions that were named as the first three officers in the dispensation, but it is not legally necessary that this should be done. It sometimes happens that one or more of the three officers named in the dispensation, die, remove, decline to serve, or prove incompetent, and, on request of the Chapter, the names of other companions are substituted.
- 2. The companions named in the charter as the first three officers should be members of the Chapter, but need not be of the petitioners for the dispensation.
- 3. Comps. Everett, Whyte, and Kirby, recommended by the above resolution to be named in the charter as the first three officers of Golden Chapter, were not, as it appears from the returns, named in the dispensation, but they appear to be members of the Chapter. Comps. Everett and Whyte were affiliated, and Comp. Kirby received the degrees in the Chapter.
- 4. The petitioners for the dispensation, and companions affiliated or exalted, stand on the same footing; they are all quasi

members of the Chapter while under dispensation, and when the charter is issued to them, their membership becomes complete.

- 5. There being no law to forbid it, and the Chapter having requested it, for some good reason it must be supposed, the General Grand Secretary will insert in the charter, as the first three officers, the names of the companions recommended in the resolution adopted by the Chapter—[which was accordingly done.]
- 6. These appointments are but temporary. When the Chapter receives the charter, it will proceed to hold its first election under the charter, and the officers elected and appointed will be installed, and serve until the next annual election under the bylaws, and until their successors are installed.
- 7. In making this decision, no reflection upon the companions named as the first three officers in the dispensation is intended or implied; the request of the Chapter is simply granted, there being no showing against it, other than the objection that it is illegal, which it is decided not to be. (January 11th, 1875.)

Case No. 2.—Ritual.

In response to letter of Comp. Wm. Stowe, chairman of committee of the M.: E.: Grand Chapter of Michigan, appointed to inquire and report, &c. (February 16th, 1875.)

At Nashville, in 1874, this resolution was simply rescinded, which left the matter just as it was before the Baltimore resolution was adopted. (See Proceedings 1874, p. 49.)

Case No. 3. — M.:. E.:. M.:. Degree. — Irish R.:. A.:. M.:. — Residence, &c.

Questions propounded by M.: E.: Comp. J. WOOLVERTON, G.: H.: P.: of New Jersey, through Comp. Thomas J. Corson, Grand Secretary, &c.:

Facts stated.—"A Royal Arch Mason, now residing in Pennsylvania, who is a member of a Chapter at Naas, Ireland, desires

to visit SILOAM CHAPTER, at Camden, in this State. He has never received the Most Excellent Master's degree, which is not conferred in the European Chapters:

"Would it be allowable to confer the M.". E.". M.". degree upon, or communicate it to him, in order to enable him to visit, as done in our Commanderies with the Red Cross Order, when Canadian Templars desire to visit?"

Adding: "He also wishes to join SILOAM CHAPTER; to do which, it is supposed he must obtain his dimit from the Irish Chapter:

- "1. Can he be admitted to SILOAM CHAPTER?
- "2. Can the missing degree be conferred any where in the United States, while he is a member of the Chapter at Naas, or will he have to dimit?
- "3. All obstacles to his receiving the degree being removed, can he receive it in New Jersey, while a resident in Pennsylvania?
 - "4. Can he not select his Masonic residence?"

Answer.—(Feb. 16th, 1875.) 1. He cannot be permitted to visit SILOAM CHAPTER until he receives the M. E. M. degree. It is one of the regular degrees in the American System of Chapter Masonry. In opening and closing a Chapter, part of the secret work of the degree is practiced, which one not in possession of the degree, though a Royal Arch Mason, could not join in, and would not be permitted to witness.

2. By Section 5, Art. 3, Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, U. S., when any worthy Royal Arch Mason, from without the jurisdiction of the United States, who has not received the degrees of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master, shall present himself to any Chapter under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, such Chapter is authorized to confer the degrees upon him, to the end that he may be healed.

A similar provision seems to have been embodied in the report of a Committee of the General Grand Chapter as early as 1824. *Compendium*, p. 135.

It seems the companion in question is only wanting the M. : E.: M.: degree. The fact that he is not dimitted from the Irish Chapter, is no obstacle to his receiving the degree in SILOAM,

or any other American Chapter, because, in the Irish Capitular System the degree is unknown, and it will be no invasion of their jurisdiction to confer upon one of their companions a degree not belonging to their system.

3. The fact that he resides in Pennsylvania, can be no valid objection to his being healed by a Chapter in New Jersey, which he wishes to visit; for the conferring upon him the wanting degree is but a healing process.

If he were not a Chapter Mason at all, and desired to receive the Chapter degrees in New Jersey, while a resident of Pennsylvania, they could not be conferred without a concession of jurisdiction. But he is a Royal Arch Mason under a foreign system older than ours, and a member of an Irish Chapter, and wishing to visit a New Jersey Chapter, or any American Chapter, is the door to be closed upon him because he has not a lower degree peculiar to the American rite, and unknown in the jurisdiction from which he hails? Surely not; but he may be healed, and admitted. The conferring upon him the M. E. M. degree does not affiliate him with the Chapter, or make him a member of the appendent Lodge, but merely prepares him to enter the Chapter as a visitor. Why should Pennsylvania object?

4. If you mean by the fourth question to enquire whether, after obtaining a dimit from the Chapter at Naas, he can affiliate with Siloam Chapter, of New Jersey, while a resident of Pennsylvania, I am not sure if that is not the subject of local regulation. Possibly, on general principles, a Mason may select his Masonic residence; and cases sometimes occur where his affiliation without the jurisdiction of his place of residence is very proper as a matter of convenience. For example, where there is a Chapter of a neighboring jurisdiction, nearer or more convenient of access than any Chapter within the jurisdiction of his residence.

I should not favor, however, the policy of permitting a companion residing in one State, convenient to a Chapter, to affiliate with a Chapter of another State.

Case No. 4.—Surrender of Charters, etc., on Formation of Grand Chapter, etc.

In a letter from M. E. WM. N. BYERS, G. H. P. of the new Grand Chapter of Colorado, (May 12th 1875,) advising me of the organization of this Grand Chapter, he says:

"A very warm discussion grew out of the question of the surrender of the old charters, and issue of new ones to the present chartered Chapters. Please give me your decision on this question."

Answer.—(May 18th, 1875.) It is, I think, the established and proper usage, for Chapters holding charters from the General Grand Chapter, on the organization, by them, of a Grand Chapter, to surrender their charters to the Grand Chapter, and take new warrants from it, their own immediate sovereign. These new charters are not issued in the ordinary form of original warrants from the Grand Chapter. They recite the issuance of the original charter, from the General Grand Chapter, its date, officers, etc., the organization of the Grand Chapter, the surrender of the original charter, and then make the usual grant of authority to the present officers, etc., to continue to work, etc., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, etc. The original numbers are retained, and no fee is charged for the new charters, unless some compensation be allowed to the Grand Secretary for preparing them.

It is eminently proper that every Chapter, within the jurisdiction of a Grand Chapter, should hold its warrant immediately from it, whatever may have been the source of its original authority to work, etc.

Such I understand to have been the usage on the formation of Grand Lodges, and other Masonic Grand Bodies.

Case No. 5.—Convention to Form Grand Chapter.

When a convention of delegates from Chapters, assembled to form a Grand Chapter, adopts a constitution and by-laws, elects grand officers, and the Grand Chapter is constituted, the convention is *functus officio*—its powers passing to the Grand Chapter thus organized, under the limitations of the constitution.

Case No. 6.—Dispensation for New Chapter—Recommendations, &c.

In response to a letter received from M. E. Comp. ROBERT F. BOWER, Grand High Priest of Iowa, and also General Grand King, in relation to granting a dispensation for a new Chapter at

Yankton, Dakota Territory (August 30, 1875): "As you are doubtless aware, you cannot, as Grand High Priest of Iowa, issue a dispensation for a new Chapter in Dakota Territory, but may issue it as General Grand King, the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter over Dakota Territory being exclusive.

"Sec. 6, Art. 1, of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter provides that, 'No new Chapter shall be established, &c., where there is a Chapter within a reasonable distance, without the approbation of the Chapter nearest to the place where the new Chapter is proposed to be located.'

"I am not aware that the General Grand Chapter has prescribed any form for the giving of such approbation. A simple recommendation, I presume, that the dispensation be granted, is sufficient; which implies that the Chapter making the recommendation has ascertained that the petitioners are Royal Arch Masons in good standing, capable of conferring the degrees, and that the proposed location is suitable," &c.

Case No. 7.—Maimed Candidates.

- M.: E.: J. W. Bowers, G.: H.: P.: of Maryland, by letter of 4th October, 1875, desired my official opinion on two cases which had just been presented to him, viz:
- "1. Can a brother Master Mason be exalted in the Royal Arch Chapter, who has lost the index finger of his right hand at the second joint—or rather part of the finger?
- "2. Can the remaining degrees be conferred on a Brother Mark Master Mason, who, since receiving that degree, has been afflicted with white swelling, which has left the right knee joint without motion, i. e., perfectly stiff, therefore preventing him from kneeling on both knees, although he can kneel upon the left knee?"

Answer, (Oct. 15th, 1875.) The question of maimed candidates was several times before the General Grand Chapter, ably discussed, and finally the law expressed and settled as follows: "That it is incompetent for Royal Arch Chapters to confer the respective degrees of Masonry upon candidates whose physical defects are such as to prevent them from conforming literally to

all the requirements of those degrees." (Compendium, p. 271, Proceedings 1853.)

This was a softening of the rigid old rule, which required the candidate for the symbolic degrees to be perfect in body, without maim, &c.

- 1. My judgment is, that your first question should be answered in the affirmative. There is no *requirement* in any of the Chapter degrees with which a man cannot *literally conform*, who has lost the index finger of the right hand at the second joint.
- 2. The second question, I think, must be answered in the negative. A brother whose right knee is without motion, perfectly stiff, is unable literally to conform to requirements in the work of the Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch degrees. In what particulars he would be at fault, I am not at liberty to suggest in this mode of communication, but I think they will readily occur to you, if you work about as I do.

Case No. 8.—The Blind.

In answer to a letter from M. E. E. F. WARREN, Grand High Priest of Nebraska: "A blind Master Mason, though very worthy in all other respects, cannot receive the Chapter degrees." (March 11th, 1877.)

Case No. 9.—Quorum.

Questions propounded by M.: E.: HASWELL C. CLARKE, G.: H.: P.: of Illinois, by letter of 21st February, 1876:

- "1. Can a ballot for degrees or membership be taken, unless there be present at least nine members of the Chapter entitled to vote?
- "2. If the first is answered in the affirmative, is it necessary that nine ballots should be cast upon an application?
- "3. Is it necessary that a member should be excused from voting by an unanimous vote, or simply majority?"

Answer. 1st, It may be regarded as a landmark of American Capitular Masonry, that there must be present not less than nine regular Royal Arch Masons to open a Chapter. But there is nothing in the rituals, or common law (so to speak) of the Order, establishing it as a rule that *all* of the *nine* must be members of

the Chapter in order to open or close it, or to confer the Royal Arch Degree. On the contrary, it may be said, that the power to open, confer the degree on candidates duly elected, and close the Chapter, without the presence of nine members, has been established by common usage.

It may also be regarded as a settled law of the Order, that a Chapter cannot be opened in the absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe—that one of them must be present. So decided by M.: E.: Josiah H. Drummond, G.: G.: H.: P.:, and approved by the General Grand Chapter. (*Proceedings 1874, pp. 27, 60.*)

There must, therefore, it may be safely asserted, be present nine regular Royal Arch Masons, one of whom must be the High Priest, King or Scribe of the Chapter, in order to open it for any purpose. But I cannot undertake to affirm it to be the settled common law of the Order, that there need necessarily be present any member of the Chapter other than *one* of the three principal officers in order to open it legally.

Nor can I safely affirm it to be law, that candidates for degrees or membership may be balloted for when only one member of the Chapter is present—or. two, three, four, five, or any less number than the charter or dispensation quorum, which is nine. If there be a general law authorizing a ballot when a less number of members of the Chapter than nine are present, where is it to be found? In the absence of some positive law, or long and well-established general usage, warranting the transaction of such important business as balloting on applications for degrees or membership, without the presence of nine members of the Chapter, it is forbidden by good policy.

No doubt in the planting of Royal Arch Masonry in new Territories and States, where Chapters have been established with but few and scattered members, it has frequently happened (as I know it has in Arkansas), that a Chapter has been opened and all its business transacted, including balloting, by the assistance of visiting companions, when there were not nine members present. But such exceptional cases, growing out of necessity, cannot be said to have established the general law, that a ballot may be taken when less than nine members of the Chapter are present. I must, therefore, answer your first question in the negative.

2d. It is not necessary that nine ballots should be cast upon an application, because the Chapter may excuse a member from voting, for good cause shown.

3d. It is the duty of every member of the Chapter present (entitled to vote) to vote on applications for degrees or membership, and share in the general responsibility of electing or rejecting the candidate; but he may be excused, for good cause, by unanimous consent of the other members present. He cannot be excused by a mere majority.

The last two propositions are well established as law in Blue Masonry, and, I think, well founded in principle, and have been well adopted as law in Capitular Masonry.

The first of your questions has not been decided by the General Grand Chapter, nor by any of the reported decisions of my predecessors. I have found a few opinions of Masonic jurists on the subject, and they are not in harmony, and hence I have endeavored to decide the question on safe grounds.

Case No. 10.—Masonic Residence—Jurisdiction, &c.

M.: E.: Comp. Wm. C. Swain, G.: H.: P.: of Wisconsin, and M.: E.: Comp. Arthur R. H. Atkins, G.: H.: P.: of Illinois, by their respective letters of the fifth and seventh May, 1877, and accompanying documents, submitted for my decision a case of conflict of capitular jurisdiction, to which I replied by duplicate letter, in substance as follows:

There would be no trouble about the law of the case, if you were agreed on the facts. But on one material fact you differ, and I will therefore answer in both aspects of the case. I will first take up the case as presented in the form of facts and questions by M... E... Comp. Swain:

- "I. A traveling man (W. H. Sprague) for a Wisconsin firm, and residing in this State (Wisconsin), goes to Illinois, and travels for a firm in Chicago, making his business headquarters in that city for about three years, leaving his family in Wisconsin, where his wife owns the homestead, and visiting them, say once or twice a month (making no permanent stop), and generally on Sunday. Where is his Masonic residence?
- "2. Is a man's Masonic residence coincident with his legal residence, or independent of it?

"3. Is the fact of his being received by a Lodge, and made a Master Mason in Chicago, sufficient evidence to a Chapter of that jurisdiction of his Masonic residence in Illinois, and does such reception make him eligible for the Chapter degrees in Illinois?"

Before proceeding to answer the above questions, it may be stated, that the accompanying documents show that Comp. Sprague was initiated, passed, and raised in D. A. Cashman Lodge, No. 686, Chicago, Illinois, in June, July, and September, 1874, and was afterward elected and received the Chapter degrees in York Chapter, No. 148, Chicago, February and April, 1875.

Ist. It is to be inferred, from the facts as stated in M.: E.: Comp. Swain's first question, that Comp. Sprague's legal residence (citizenship) was in Wisconsin at the time he received the symbolical degrees in the Illinois Lodge, and, at the time he received the Chapter degrees, in the Chapter of that State, though his business *headquarters* were at Chicago, Illinois.

If so, under the well-settled American Masonic law, it was an error to make him a Mason in Chicago; and the error was repeated in giving him the Chapter degrees there, without a concession of jurisdiction. A Mason must apply, as a general rule, for the Chapter degrees to the Chapter having jurisdiction over the territory where his legal residence is—the place of his citizenship—"his fixed place of abode." An exceptional case has been held to be, where he is rejected by the Chapter of his residence, and removes to the jurisdiction of another Chapter. It is said he cannot be received in the latter Chapter without the consent of the former. (Const. G.: Chapter, Art. 3, Sec. 7.)

- 2d. A Master Mason must apply for the Chapter degrees to the Chapter of his legal residence, no matter where his Blue membership may be. He may be a member of a Lodge in Boston, for example, and yet if his legal residence is in Chicago, he must apply for the Chapter degrees there.
- 3d. The fact that Comp. Sprague was made a Mason in a Chicago Lodge, and held his membership there, was *prima facia* evidence that that was the place of his legal residence, but not conclusive evidence to the Chapter. Each grade of Masons

must settle the fact of residence, and the question of jurisdiction for itself, when an application is made for advancement from one grade to another.

I find, from the proceedings of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, of 1876, p. 32, that a report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted, containing the following paragraph:

"In the case of H. W. Sprague, a resident of this jurisdiction, who was exalted in York Chapter, No. 148, of Illinois, your committee can come to but one conclusion, viz: that such action on the part of York Chapter was a gross violation of Masonic law, and an unwarrantable invasion of our jurisdiction. We therefore recommend that said Sprague be declared, by this Grand Chapter, to be a clandestine Royal Arch Mason."

If, as found by the M. E. Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, Comp. Sprague was in fact a resident of Wisconsin, when made a Chapter Mason in York Chapter, Illinois, it was an invasion of the jurisdiction of Wisconsin, but, in all charity, not necessarily a "gross invasion." It may have been a mere error, growing out of a doubtful question as to the real residence of Comp. Sprague, or a misconception of law; but if an error, whether intentional, which I can hardly believe, or unintentional, as upon mistake of fact or law, the companion is certainly not a "clandestine Royal Arch Mason," having been exalted in a regularly constituted Chapter, duly assembled, &c.

If there was in fact an invasion of jurisdiction in making Comp. Sprague a Royal Arch Mason, York Chapter should make the usual apology to the Chapter in Wisconsin having the rightful jurisdiction, and pay over to it the fees received for the degrees.

If Comp. Sprague knew that his legal residence was in Wisconsin when he applied to York Chapter for the degrees, and knew that it had not rightful Masonic jurisdiction over him, and intended to avoid the legal jurisdiction, he was guilty of a Masonic fraud upon York Chapter, for which he might be charged, tried, and, if found guilty, expelled. But until this is done, he is a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of York Chapter until dimitted. A profane may very innocently apply to the wrong Lodge for admission. So a Master Mason may innocently apply to the wrong Chapter for the Chapter degrees.

Now, as to the version of M. E. Comp. ATKINS, G. H. P. of Illinois:

It seems, by Sec. 15 of the by-laws prescribed by the Grand Chapter of Illinois, that "Every candidate for the Chapter degrees must be a Master Mason in good standing, and member of a Lodge, and have resided in the State of Illinois one year next preceding the presentation of his petition," &c.

Must "have resided in the State of Illinois," &c. I take this to mean that Illinois must have been his home, his place of citizenship. A man may actually live and do business in Illinois, or be idle, for a year or ten years, and not be a citizen of the State. It is a question of intention. Our senators sometimes go to Washington, with their families, and stay there for years, and yet that is not their legal place of residence; so our ministers go abroad for years, without affecting their citizenship at home; so with merchants; yet a man may change his place of residence in a day, by leaving one place and going to another, with the intention to reside there.

M.: E.: Comp. ATKINS states, "Comp. Sprague came to this city, (Chicago), in 1872, and has made his business home here ever since, going to Wisconsin perhaps once or twice a month; and has tried to get his wife to move here, but the homestead being in her name and owned by her, she has steadily refused.

* * He has not voted, or attempted to vote, in Wisconsin since 1872, and claims his voting place as in Chicago, although he has not been in the city at any election, and therefore has not voted, still his lawyers inform him here is his voting place."

The fact that Comp. Sprague's wife owns a homestead in Wisconsin, and resides there, and refuses to leave it, and move to Chicago, and that he visits her there as often as he chooses, might indicate that that was his legal place of residence, but it is by no means conclusive. The legal residence of the wife is that of the husband, no matter whether she chooses to go with him or not. If he went to Chicago with the intention to make that his place of residence—to make his citizenship there—and had resided there for a year, with such intention, when he applied to YORK CHAPTER for the degrees, it had jurisdiction, though his wife lived in Wisconsin.

If Comp. Sprague is a man of truth and honor, fit to be a Royal Arch Mason, and states that Chicago has been his place of residence for more than a year before he applied to York Chapter for the degrees, this ought to be satisfactory.

It seems that he was charged and tried in D. A. CASHMAN LODGE, by order of the M. W. Grand Master of Illinois, after he was made a Royal Arch Mason, for false representation of residence, and acquitted by a vote of thirty-eight to five. Had he been convicted and expelled, the Chapter would have dropped him from its rolls; but having been acquitted, it would not be usual for the Chapter to try him again on the same charge.

If he was admitted into the Chapter merely because he had been a member of the Lodge in Chicago for a year, regardless of his legal residence, it was an error. But if the Chapter found, on inquiry, that he had resided in the State a year before applying for the degrees, and was not merely making Chicago a business headquarters while his legal residence was in Wisconsin, the Chapter had the right to admit him.

Thus, I have endeavored to state the law, in both aspects of the facts as contained in the letters and documents submitting the case. If the question of legal residence of Comp. Sprague were submitted to a court or jury, it would be one of intention, to be determined upon his statement in connection with the facts and circumstances of the case.

Case No. 15.—Rank at Funerals.

M.: E.: Comp. H. E. McIntyre, High Priest of Honolulu Chapter, No. 1, Hawaiian Islands, by letter of date May 23d, 1877, submits the following statement of facts and questions:

"A member of the Fraternity died here a short time ago, who had taken all the degrees of the York Rite, and a number of the degrees of the Scottish Rite. The latter body elected to bury him by their funeral rites, and invited the Chapter as a body to attend. The day before the funeral, they withdrew, and the friends of the deceased then invited his Lodge to conduct the funeral services, which they did.

"A few members of the Chapter appeared, and the W.". M.". of the Blue Lodge requested that they take their position ahead

of the Master Masons, which they did, rather than cavil in the streets about any supposed right to any particular place. The Chapter was not opened or closed; they simply met and donned their regalia.

- "As we have no wish to quarrel with the Lodge, or they with us, most of the Chapter members belonging to the Lodge, I submit to your consideration the following questions:
- "1. Has this Chapter any right to appear at a funeral, conducted by a Lodge of Master Masons, or in fact has it any right to appear in public at all in any ceremony conducted by a Lodge of Master Masons?
- "2. If the Chapter has such right, what is its position in the order of procession?
- "3. The Chapter holding a charter from the General Grand Chapter, and the Lodge holding one from the Grand Lodge of California, should a conflict arise, and the Lodge is sustained by the Grand Lodge, what then would be the position of the Chapter?"

Answer.—I. Where a funeral is conducted by a Lodge, it is usual and better for Masons of all grades to join in, and be clothed as Master Masons, the funeral dress being a suit of black, with white aprons, gloves, &c. It is customary, however, as laid down in the old Monitors, in forming the procession, to place the different orders or grades in accordance with rank—1st, Master Masons, 2d, Royal Arch Masons, 3d, Select Masters, and, 4th, Knights Templar, the W. Master taking the rear. Where a Royal Arch Mason is buried by a Blue Lodge, if his Chapter wishes to turn out and attend his funeral in a body as a mark of respect for him, I can see no objection to their doing so.

2. But when they do turn out in a body, the Lodge conducting the services would be the ranking body, and place them in front in forming the procession.

It is probable that the Worshipful Master of the Lodge which conducted the funeral ceremonies in the case referred to by you, regarded the Royal Arch Masons as attending in a body, as such, and hence placed them in front.

3. It is hardly probable that the M. W. Grand Lodge of California, and the M. E. General Grand Chapter, (from which you hold your charter), will seriously disagree about a question of rank at a Masonic funeral; but should such disagreement unhappily arise, as they are both sovereign, and neither one can overrule the judgment of the other, they would no doubt submit the question to the judgment of learned Masonic jurists, or of one or more other Masonic sovereigns, to be mutually selected, and abide the decision. They would certainly not go to war about the matter, as the profane do about their disagreements.

At best the question of precedence in a Masonic procession, is of no great moment, because in the movements of the procession we illustrate the beautiful lesson of the Mark degree, that "the first shall be last, and the last first." Moreover, in moving to the final resting-place of the dead, where all ranks are leveled, we need have but little care whether we occupy a place in the front or rear of the procession, for, at the termination of the march, we all reach the same humiliating position.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW CHAPTERS.

The following dispensations for new Chapters have been granted:

- 1. To Comps. A. H. Morehead, John P. Risque, Robert B. Wilson, and other companions to form a new Chapter at Silver City, New Mexico, to be called Silver City. February 22d, 1876.
- 2. To Comps. Orlando North, Edward W. Smith, Frank M. Foote, and other companions, to form a new Chapter at Evanston, Wyoming Territory, to be called Evanston. April 28th, 1876.
- 3. To Comps. Stephen L. Mills, John H. Brazier, Wm. T. Phillips, and other companions, to form a new Chapter at Laramie City, Wyoming Territory, to be called Lebanon. March 19th, 1877.

The companions of Silver City sent their petition for dispensation to Burleson Chapter, No. 21, San Antonio, Texas, asking a recommendation, it being the nearest chartered Chapter to the place where they proposed to open and hold their new

Chapter. The recommendation was declined, on the advice of the M.: E.: Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Texas, on the ground that that Grand Chapter did not hold allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, &c.

There being at that time no chartered Chapter in New Mexico (Santa Fe Chapter having surrendered its charter), and no Chapter recognizing the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, within a reasonable distance of Silver City; and having satisfied myself that the petitioners (thirteen in number) were worthy Royal Arch Masons, capable of conferring the degrees; and that Silver City, having a good and increasing population, was a suitable location for a new Chapter, I felt warranted, under Section 6, Article 1, of the Constitution, in granting the dispensation without recommendation.

In relation to this matter, I find, that the M.: E.: Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Texas, in his address to that Grand Chapter, at its June Convocation of 1876, uses the following language:

"On the 27th of December, I received a communication from Burleson Chapter, No. 21, stating that certain Royal Arch Masons, residing in the Territory of New Mexico, had applied to that Chapter to recommend an application made by them to the M. E. General Grand High Priest of the body calling itself 'The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America,' for a dispensation to open and hold a Royal Arch Chapter at Silver City, New Mexico.

"Burleson Chapter very properly asked for instructions as to its legal duty by our laws upon the subject.

"The General Grand Body, by Article I, Section 2d, and Article III, Section 1st, of its Constitution, asserts its claim to exclusive jurisdiction over all unoccupied territory in the United States. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas does not admit this doctrine, but asserts that, on application, it has the same right. See Article I, Section 11th of its Constitution. To argue the question of abstract right would result in no practical good in this case, because nine Royal Arch Masons, resident in a Territory, desiring to be congregated into a regular Chapter, undoubtedly have the right to decide to what jurisdiction they wish to attach themselves.

"In this case the petitioners elected the Masonic Body to which they wished to render obedience. A subordinate Chapter, of this jurisdiction, cannot officially communicate with any Masonic Grand Body, except through this Grand Chapter. Section 12, Article I, of our Constitution, relates only to petitions made to our Grand Chapter, or its proper officers. Burleson Chapter, No. 21, therefore, had no right to take action upon, or recommend, a petition addressed to another Masonic Grand Body. I so informed them, directing them to decline acting thereon, and fraternally suggest to our companions in New Mexico, that the nearest Chapter required upon their petition must be one acknowledging allegiance to the Masonic body to whose officer the petition is addressed."

The committee to whom the address was referred, in their report, (which was adopted,) say: "The action of the M. E. Grand High Priest in relation to the petition from sundry Royal Arch Masons, residing in New Mexico, meets the unqualified approval of this committee. Texas wants no interference with her own jurisdiction, and will ever be cautious about infringing upon the rights of others."

It was not upon my suggestion that the companions of Silver City applied to Burleson Chapter for recommendation. They were perhaps innocent of any knowledge that the Grand Chapter of Texas, after so many loving appeals, still persisted in her refusal to return to the extended arms of her venerable mother—whom the M.: E.: Grand High Priest of Texas is pleased to style, "the body calling itself the General Grand Chapter," &c.

The territorial extent of the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter is not an open question. It is as well settled as any question in Masonic jurisprudence can be. M. E. Comp. John L. Lewis, in his address, as General Grand High Priest, to the General Grand Chapter, at the convocation in St. Louis in 1868, well remarked that, "Upon one point the General Grand Chapter has certainly ever been firm and consistent—in the assertion and maintenance of its jurisdiction; a right which has been concurred in by the consent of all parties and persons concerned, and is now fairly and conclusively established. The right of jurisdiction claimed and conceded is within all the territory in every portion of the territorial domain of the United

States, and *over* all Royal Arch Bodies therein where a State Grand Chapter did not exist at the time of its organization, and over those State Grand Chapters which have been at any time a part of its constituency; and also concurrent jurisdiction with other Grand Bodies of Capitular Masonry beyond the United States."

The Grand Chapter of Texas, while it acknowledged itself to be a member of the American Royal Arch Union, and constituent of the General Grand Chapter, claimed, and certainly had, no extra-territorial jurisdiction. How it enlarged its territorial jurisdiction beyond the limits of the State of Texas, by its own mere resolution of withdrawal from the General Grand Chapter, it would puzzle any well-informed Masonic jurist to understand. It has acquired no territorial jurisdiction by concession, and certainly none by conquest, as it is a peaceful and amiable body.

The claim of right by the M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Texas, to issue dispensations for new Chapters in any territory of the United States not occupied by a Grand Chapter, is, it is fraternally submitted, destitute of all constitutional or legal foundation, and a Chapter so established would be regarded as spurious.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

A dispensation was granted, March 18th, 1876, on request, to Wyoming Chapter, No. 1, to hold a special election for Excellent King, in the place and for the remainder of the term of Comp. A. J. Parshall, removed from the jurisdiction of the Chapter.

A dispensation was granted in August, 1876, to Cyrus Chapter, No. 2, Idaho, to hold a special election for High Priest. The companion elected at the annual election, it turned out, had been indefinitely suspended by the Lodge of which he was a member, for gross unmasonic conduct, and hence was not installed—the King called away, and the Scribe dead.

CONSTITUTION OF NEW CHAPTERS.

The Chapters to which charters were granted at the last Triennial Convocation, were duly constituted, and their officers installed, by proxies appointed for that purpose, particulars of which will appear in the report of the General Grand Secretary.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

Advised by the General Grand Secretary, March 10th, 1875, that Olympia Chapter, U.: D.:, Washington Territory, had returned its dispensation to him without organization.

In March, 1875, Santa Fe Chapter, No. 1, New Mexico, surrendered its charter on account of non-attendance of its members, and Comp. John Pratt was appointed to settle its affairs. March 15th, 1877, on petition of the companions of the Chapter, and assurances of future fervency and zeal in the good work, the charter was restored to them, and M.: E.: Comp. Wm. W. Griffin, former High Priest, deputized to hold an election for officers, and reorganize the Chapter.

Our fair and dutiful daughter, Honolulu, seated upon an island of the Hawaiian group, far away in the Pacific Ocean, keeps her lamp trimmed and burning, and is contributing to the rapidly-advancing civilization of a people, who, not many years ago, were destitute of light. May God, whom they now worship, preserve them from earthquakes and tidal waves!

I have the pleasure of presenting, for your inspection, a new code of by-laws, framed and adopted by that Chapter, which indicate a high degree of Masonic intelligence, and which was approved by me as being in harmony with the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter.

There was a feud among the companions of Seattle Chapter, Washington Territory, about their officers, the history of which was given by M. E. Comp. Josiah H. Drummond, G. G. H. P., in his address at your last Triennial Convocation, and which induced him to suspend the charter of the Chapter. (Proceedings 1874, p. 15.) A memorial from companions of the Territory was laid before the General Grand Chapter, asking that the matters in controversy be referred to the representatives of the Grand Chapter of Oregon for investigation, which was referred to the Committee on Doings of the General Grand Officers, (Idem, pp. 51-2.) The committee reported, approving the action of the General Grand High Priest in relation to the suspension of the Chapter, and recommending that the memorial be

referred to that officer, with power to restore or arrest the charter of the Chapter, as in his judgment he might deem best for the interests of Royal Arch Masonry; which report was adopted. (Idem, pp. 54-5.)

M. E. Comp. Drummond took no further action in the matter, and the papers remained in the hands of the General Grand Secretary. In answer to a letter of inquiry he informed me, 10th March, 1875, that companions of the Chapter would probably make application to me for some action in regard to the matter, and that the papers would be sent to me. No such application has been made, no action taken by me, and so the matter has slept. It is to be hoped that the contending companions have buried their quarrel.

REPRINT OF PROCEEDINGS.

At your last Triennial Convocation a resolution was adopted directing the General Grand Secretary to cause the complete Proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, from 1798 to 1856 inclusive, to be copied and stereotyped, and one thousand copies thereof printed and bound, under the advice and supervision of the General Grand High Priest, for distribution, &c. (Proceedings 1874, pp. 51, 62–3.) This work was faithfully and skillfully prepared by Comp. Fox, examined and approved by me, and has been stereotyped, printed and bound as directed, and the book is ready for distribution.

STATE GRAND CHAPTERS.

Colorado. On the 22d April, 1875, at their request, I issued a letter authorizing the five Chapters of Colorado holding warrants from the General Grand Chapter, duly constituted and consecrated, to convene by their constitutional representatives at Denver City, on such day as might be agreed upon, or as my proxy might fix, for the purpose of framing a Constitution and organizing a Grand Chapter for the Territory (now State) of Colorado, in accordance with the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter and the established landmarks and usages of Royal Arch Masonry; and appointed M.: E.: Comp. Wm. N. Byers proxy, to constitute such Grand Chapter and install the officers thereof when duly elected.

A Convention was accordingly held at Denver City, on the 11th May, 1875, a Constitution framed and adopted, and a Grand Chapter duly organized and constituted, under the style of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado.

The proceedings appear to be regular, and the provisions of the Constitution, a copy of which is submitted for your inspection, seem to be in harmony with the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter.

This growing and promising Grand Chapter has been generally recognized by its older sisters, and I recommend that it be declared a member of the General Grand Chapter, and its representatives admitted to seats.

GEORGIA. It is with much pleasure that I announce, that the GRAND CHAPTER OF GEORGIA, at its April convocation, 1875, resolved to renew its connection with, and fealty to, the General Grand Chapter.

ALABAMA. I rejoice also to communicate the fact, that the GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA (my native State) at its December convocation in 1875, repealed the resolution adopted by it in 1861, at a time of stormy civil commotion, declaring its connection with the General Grand Chapter dissolved.

The return of these two Grand Chapters, and of others which came back before them, is the result of that policy of fraternal kindness and forbearance ever pursued by the General Grand Chapter toward such of its constituents as thought proper during periods of excitement, without its consent, to adopt resolutions of withdrawal. Thus, stone by stone the great American Royal Arch Temple—THE TEMPLE OF FRATERNAL UNION— is being rebuilded, and the breaches thereof permanently repaired!

TEXAS. But yet there is something wanting. A beautiful *Pleiad* is still missing from the ROYAL CONSTELLATION; the GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS yet wanders in her path of isolation. Texas wants to be let alone, but the General Grand Chapter never has, and does not intend to let her alone.

When, many years ago, one chartered Chapter, and others self-constituted and without warrants, convened and attempted to form a Grand Chapter for the Republic of Texas, the General

Grand Chapter fraternally interposed, and declared the body so organized to be irregular, and it was disbanded. After Texas was admitted a member of the Union of States, Chapters holding warrants from the General Grand Chapter, convened by their constitutional representatives, under authority from the General Grand King, and formed the present Grand Chapter of Texas, which was admitted into the American Royal Arch Union, and continued to be an honored member thereof, down to the time it attempted to withdraw, by its own action, in 1861. (See Compendium, pp. 126, 162, 171, 183, 238.)

Since the termination of the unfortunate and unhappy civil war between the States, the General Grand Chapter has repeatedly, earnestly, and in the most fraternal spirit, appealed to Texas (as to other Grand Chapters which pursued a like course) to return. All have come back but Texas. These appeals will be repeated, and finally the Lone Star will again sparkle in the ROYAL CONSTELLATION!

And what shall we say of Pennsylvania, the old keystone, and of Virginia and her off-shoot, West Virginia, the child of a revolution, and "the nursling of a storm?" These were never members of the General Grand Chapter, but there are vacant seats of honor in our beautiful Temple for them, and we have a standing invitation for them to enter; and when they come we will bless them, and set bread and wine before them, as Melchizedek King of Salem did to Abraham, the servant of the Most High God, possessor of heaven and earth.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

The General Grand Chapter now numbers upon its roll thirty-five Grand Chapters which acknowledge fealty to it, and the number will enlarge with the increase of populations, and the march of civilization in the Territories. It is surpassed by no moral organization upon the globe in WISDOM, STRENGTH, and BEAUTY.

The purposes of its institution were, as declared by its illustrious founders, "to establish order and uniformity, to promote love and charity among Masons, and render more general and extensive the principles of benevolence and philanthropy." These purposes it has kept steadily in view.

No one can justly charge it with tyranny, oppression or usurpation. In the nature of its constitution it could exercise neither, because its limited legislative and judicial powers are measurably confided to the current constitutional representatives of the Grand Chapters and their Past Grand High Priests; its own immediate subordinates being necessarily but comparatively few in number.

Its General Grand High Priests, entrusted with no dangerous executive powers, have been men of a high order of intelligence, culture, humanity, and courtesy; and there has been no instance in which any one of them has been charged with exercising unwarranted authority. So with its other leading officers.

It has ever acted on the principle, well expressed, a long time ago, by a committee of eminent companions who did not favor its continuance, and whose apprehensions in regard to it have proven groundless, that "Masonry is pacific in everything. It fears no invasion or insurrection. Its force is moral, not physical. It defends itself, not by armies, but by the purity of its principles and the benevolence of its acts. It conquers, not by destroying or enslaving the bodies of men, but by winning their hearts." (Compendium, p. 66.)

Time and experience have shown that objections urged, in years gone, against the continuance of the General Grand Chapter, by men of fertile imaginations, but without the gift of prophecy, were utterly unfounded.

M.: E.: Comp. Charles Gilman, G.: G.: H.: P.:, in his address to the General Grand Chapter at its Convocation in Chicago, 1859, said: "In some of the State Grand Chapters a suggestion has been advanced that your body must be supported, at no distant day, by a heavy tax upon those bodies. This has caused anxiety, and if founded upon any just apprehension would be a serious matter. But there has been no greater error than this," &c.

This good and great Mason sleeps with his fathers, but his utterances are upon record, and time has proven them to be true.

Read now the following modest resolution, penned by that zealous and beloved companion, Charles Marsh, (who also sleeps,) and adopted "as a permanent regulation:"

"Resolved, That the State Grand Chapters throughout the jurisdiction be requested to cause to be paid annually to the General Grand Secretary of this. General Grand Chapter, the sum of one cent for each Royal Arch Mason borne upon the rolls of their subordinutes at the date of their annual reports; the fund so created to be used to defray the necessary expenses of the General Grand Chapter," &c. (Proceedings 1874, p. 64.)

One cent per annum for each Royal Arch Mason upon the rolls! Twenty-five cents in a quarter of a century; above the average working life of Masons.

Will you pardon an anecdote? A zealous Tennessee preacher was fervidly and eloquently discoursing of the cheapness of the *Gospel*, when a good old bald-headed pillar of the congregation responded: "That is so, my brother, for I have been a member of the church for twenty-five years, and it has cost me but a quarter of a dollar!"

Apprehension was also expressed a good while ago, that as Grand Chapters multiplied over the extensive territory of the United States, it would become inconvenient for their representatives to attend the convocations of the General Grand Chapter. Look, now, at the face of our great country — ribbed with railways from Portland to New Orleans, and from New York to San Francisco, and with intersecting lines from every direction. A man placing his ear near a railroad track at a point midway between the Atlantic and Pacific, can almost hear the roar of the two oceans vibrating along the continuous iron bars that connect them.

In the winter of 1839, entrusted with bearing the returns of my parent Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Alabama, I traveled one hundred and fifty miles on horse, with the "beautiful snow" pelting in my face. Now I have come from Little Rock to Buffalo in less time, and with much more comfort, than I made that trip.

When I first met Comp. Marsh, at Chicago in 1859, he had made the trip from California to New York, all the way round by sea, and perhaps at his own expense, for he was a man of wonderful Masonic zeal and perseverance. He lived, however, to see the overland railway completed, and traveled upon its iron horse, as it puffed and thundered along through the mountains, and over the wide plains, startling the Indians and the wild herds of buffalo.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Your attention is respectfully invited to the amendments to the Constitution, proposed at your last Triennial Convocation, and which may be found among its printed Proceedings.

A committee of seven eminent Masonic Jurists, was also appointed to revise the Constitution, and to report at the present convocation.

IN CONCLUSION.

At your last convocation, and in my absence, you paid me the compliment to elect me to the high office which I now hold, and the duties of which, in an humble way, I have endeavored to discharge with fidelity. Trusting that at your present convocation, you may place the mantle on one more worthy to wear it, and more competent to perform its important duties; and hoping that wisdom may guide your deliberations, that peace and harmony may prevail, and that your labors may result in much good to the Royal Craft, I am,

Fraternally, &c.,

E. H. ENGLISH.

COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS.

On motion of Comp. Root, of Missouri, the address of the General Grand High Priest was referred to a committee of seven for subdivision and reference to appropriate committees.

Comps. Root, of Missouri, Cobb, of Connecticut, Jones, of Florida, Long, of Indiana, Byington, of Kansas, Warren, of Nebraska, and Innes, of Michigan, were appointed such committee.

RECEPTION OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

On motion of Comp. Lewis, of New York,

Resolved, That the General Grand Secretary be requested to prepare for publication with the Proceedings of this Triennial Convocation, the "Programme of Reception of the General Grand Chapter, at St. James Hall on this day, including the line of march and order of proceedings, the music, poem, address of

welcome by Hon. George W. CLINTON, and the reply of the General Grand High Priest, and prayers of the Reverend Chaplains; and that each of said companions be respectfully requested to furnish copies of the same for that purpose."

SESSIONS.

On motion of Comp. Austin, of New York,

Resolved, That the morning sessions of this Triennial Convocation shall be opened at nine o'clock, and be continued until one o'clock, P. M., and the afternoon sessions be opened at three o'clock, and be closed at the pleasure of the General Grand Chapter.

ADMISSION OF VISITORS.

On motion of Comp. Pollard, of New York,

Resolved, That all Royal Arch Masons applying, be admitted as visitors to the General Grand Chapter during this Twenty-third Triennial Convocation, except during the election of officers.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION.

Comp. Drummond, of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, submitted the following:

To the M:. E:. General Grand Chapter of the United States:

The undersigned, of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, submit the following draft as their Report:

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, DAVID F. DAY, AUGUSTINE T. SMYTHE, JOHN FRIZZELL, Z. C. LUSE.

Constitution of the General Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

SECTION I. This body shall be known and designated as the "GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

OF WHOM COMPOSED.

SECTION 2. The General Grand Chapter shall consist:

1. Of the following officers, that is to say: General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, General Grand Scribe, General Grand Treasurer, General Grand Secretary, General Grand

Captain of the Host, General Grand Royal Arch Captain, General Grand Chaplain, and General Grand Sentinel.

- 2. Of the Past General Grand High Priests, Past Deputy General Grand High Priests, Past General Grand Kings, Past General Grand Scribes, Past General Grand Treasurers, and Past General Grand Secretaries.
 - 3. Of the Past Grand High Priests of Grand Chapters in this jurisdiction.
- 4. Of the Grand High Priests, Deputy Grand High Priests, Grand Kings, and Grand Scribes, or their proxies duly appointed, of the Grand Chapters in this jurisdiction.
- 5. Of the High Priests, Kings and Scribes, or their proxies duly appointed, of the constituted Chapters chartered by the General Grand Chapter.

No one shall be, or continue an officer or member of the General Grand Chapter, who is not a member in good standing of a Chapter in this jurisdiction.

None but Past High Priests shall be eligible to the first four offices in the General Grand Chapter.

The proxy of a Grand Officer must be a member of a Chapter in his own jurisdiction. The proxy of an officer of a subordinate Chapter may be held by any affiliated Royal Arch Mason within the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

MEETINGS.

SECTION 3. The Stated Convocations of the General Grand Chapter shall be holden triennially, at such time and place as shall, from time to time, be designated for that purpose.

Section 4. Special Convocations may be called by the General Grand High Priest, upon the request of the officers of three Grand Chapters, and shall be called upon the request of the Grand High Priests of ten Grand Chapters, timely notice thereof being given to all those entitled to membership in the General Grand Chapter.

SECTION 5. If in the opinion of the General Grand High Priest there shall be danger to life or health, from sickness or other local cause, by any convocation being held at the time appointed, he may change the time of the particular convocation to some subsequent time; in which event he shall immediately notify the General Grand Secretary, who shall forthwith give notice to all the officers and members of the General Grand Chapter in such manner as he may deem best calculated to effect the desired object.

Section 6. No business shall be transacted in the General Grand Chapter unless there be present one or more of the officers, or their proxies, from three Grand Chapters.

POWERS.

Section 7. The General Grand Chapter has and possesses such original and exclusive jurisdiction as is conferred upon it by this Constitution, and as is indispensably necessary to the exercise of the powers thus conferred.

It shall judge of the qualifications of its own members.

It shall see that the ancient work of the Order is maintained, and preserve the uniformity thereof, in the several degrees, throughout this jurisdiction.

It may establish uniform formulas for the installation of its own officers, and those of Grand and Subordinate Chapters; also, for the consecration and constitution of Chapters, and the opening of Grand Chapters.

It shall have power to decide all questions of Masonic law, usage and custom, which may arise between any two or more Grand Chapters, or in any of the Subordinate Chapters under its immediate jurisdiction; and all such matters as may be referred to it, for decision, by any Grand Chapter. And its decisions so made shall be deemed and regarded as those of the supreme judicial tribunal of Royal Arch Masonry in the last resort, and shall be so respected and obeyed.

It may, npon proper reference to it of any matter of controversy between any two or more Grand Chapters, when the question is not one of Masonic law, custom or usage, the Grand Chapters concerned consenting thereto, act as final arbiter between them, and settle such controversy.

It shall have exclusive power to establish subordinate Chapters in all parts of the United States of America, except within the limits of those States, Districts, or Territories in which Grand Chapters now exist, or may hereafter be lawfully constituted; and also power to establish Chapters in other countries in which no Grand Chapter exists, and shall have and maintain exclusive jurisdiction over all subordinate Chapters thus established, unless such jurisdiction be waived by the General Grand Chapter.

It shall have and exercise exclusive jurisdiction in the United States of America, and jurisdiction in other countries in which no Grand Chapter exists.

It shall have no power to suspend the proceedings of a Grand Chapter.

It shall not entertain any complaint against a Grand Chapter, preferred by any subordinate Chapter or individual.

ELECTIONS.

SECTION 8. The Officers of the General Grand Chapter (except the General Grand Chaplain and Sentinel) shall be chosen at each Triennial Convocation by ballot, and by a majority of the votes cast, and with or without nominations as the General Grand Chapter may, at the time, determine.

The General Grand Chaplain and General Grand Sentinel, shall be appointed by the General Grand High Priest at the commencement of each Convocation of the General Grand Chapter; and in all cases, the General Grand Officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are installed.

SECTION 9. Each member of the General Grand Chapter, except the General Grand Sentinel, shall have one vote in his own right, and no more; if, however, all the officers of a Grand Chapter are not present in person or by proxy when any vote is taken, then the Senior Officer present or his proxy shall cast the votes of those not present. Officers, or their proxies, of the Subordinate Chapters shall collectively have one vote.

COMMITTEES.

SECTION 10. At each Triennial Convocation the General Grand High Priest shall appoint the following Standing Committees: 1, On Credentials; 2, On Reports of General Grand Officers; 3, On Finance; 4, On Jurisprudence; 5, On Charters and Dispensations; 6, On Grievances; 7, On Correspondence; 8, On Ritual; 9, On Memorials of the Dead. The General Grand High Priest may appoint other Committees as circumstances may require.

Upon these Committees shall devolve such duties as may, from time to time, be required by the General Grand Chapter.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION II. It shall be the duty of the General Grand High Priest, and he has the power, to preside in the General Grand Chapter; to exercise and discharge the executive functions thereof when it is not in session; to convene any Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter; to preside therein, to inspect its proceedings, and require conformity to Masonic law, usage and custom; to require the attendance of, and information from, any General Grand Officer respecting his office, and, when in his opinion it is proper so to do, to suspend such officer and appoint a suitable person to act in his stead, until the next Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, when report thereof shall be made for its action; to appoint such General Grand Officers as may be necessary to fill vacancies, and to perform such other duties, and exercise such other powers and prerogatives, as properly pertain to the position, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

SECTION 12. In case of the death, absence, or inability to act, of the General Grand High Priest, or a vacancy in his office, the Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, and General Grand Scribe shall, in succession, succeed to his prerogatives and duties for all purposes. In the absence of all these officers, the oldest Past General Grand officer present, according to rank, shall preside at all convocations of the General Grand Chapter.

SECTION 13. It shall be the duty of the General Grand Treasurer to take charge of all the funds and property of the General Grand Chapter: to pay out no money, except upon order of the General Grand Chapter, certified by the General Grand Secretary; but when the amount to be paid shall not be fixed by the General Grand Chapter, the claim shall be audited and approved by the General Grand High Priest: to report to each Triennial Convocation, and oftener if required by the General Grand Chapter, or the General Grand High Priest, the amount of his receipts and expenditures, by items, and from whom received and to whom paid, and the amount of funds and property in his hands: and to execute and deposit with the General Grand High Priest an official bond, within thirty days after his election, payable to the General Grand High Priest and his successors in office, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, and General Grand Scribe, or a majority of them, in the penalty of five thousand dollars, unless a different sum shall be fixed by the General Grand

Chapter, conditioned that he will pay or deliver, on demand, to the General Grand Chapter, or to his successor in office, or properly account for, all funds and property of the General Grand Chapter that shall come to his hands as General Grand Treasurer; and if the General Grand Treasurer elect shall fail or refuse to execute a bond as herein required, then the General Grand High Priest shall appoint another General Grand Treasurer, who shall execute the required bond.

SECTION 14. It shall be the duty of the General Grand Secretary to record the transactions of the General Grand Chapter; to receive, duly file, and safely keep all papers and documents of the General Grand Chapter; to prepare, sign and certify all charters, dispensations, and other instruments emanating from the General Grand Chapter, and when necessary affix its seal thereto; to receive and keep a proper account of all moneys of the General Grand Chapter, and pay over the same to the General Grand Treasurer; to report to each triennial convocation, and oftener, if required by the General Grand Chapter, or the General Grand High Priest, the amount of moneys received by him, by items, and the specific sources from which received; also the Chapters, Grand and Subordinate, that have neglected to render proper returns, and are in arrears; and such general information as to the state of the Chapters, Grand and Subordinate, in this jurisdiction as may be proper for the information or action of the General Grand Chapter; to conduct the correspondence of the General Grand Chapter; to attend, with all necessary books and papers under his control, on all convocations of the General Grand Chapter; to execute and deposit with the General Grand High Priest an official bond, within thirty days after his election, payable to the General Grand High Priest and his successors in office, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King and General Grand Scribe, or a majority of them, in the penalty of five thousand dollars, unless a different sum shall be fixed by the General Grand Chapter, conditioned that he will promptly pay over or deliver, on demand, to the General Grand Treasurer, or properly account for, all funds or other property of the General Grand Chapter that may come to his hands as General Grand Secretary; and if the General Grand Secretary elect shall fail or refuse to execute such bond as herein required, then the General Grand High Priest shall appoint another General Grand Secretary, who shall execute the required bond.

SECTION 15. The remaining General Grand Officers shall perform such duties as pertain to their respective stations, according to the custom and usages of the Craft, and as may be required by the General Grand Chapter.

NEW CHAPTERS.

SECTION 16. The General Grand High Priest shall have power and authority to grant dispensations, for a limited time, for the formation of subordinate Chapters, under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, in all cases where the General Grand Chapter has authority to establish Chapters under the provisions of this Constitution, when, in his opinion, the good of the Craft may

require the same; the time in no case to extend beyond the close of the nex triennial convocation of the General Grand Chapter. But no new Chapter shal be thus established when there is a Chapter within a reasonable distance in this jurisdiction, without the approbation of the Chapter nearest to the place where said new Chapter is proposed to be located.

Chapters under Dispensation have the same powers as chartered Chapters except the election and installation of officers, and the rights growing out or such election and installation.

DUTIES OF THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

SECTION 17. It shall be the duty of the General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King and General Grand Scribe, to improve and perfect themselves in the work and lectures pertaining to the degrees conferred in this jurisdiction, and to disseminate the same in the manner which, in their opinion, will best secure the desired end; or, as may be required, from time to time, by the General Grand Chapter.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SECTION 18. The officers of every Chapter, Grand and Subordinate, in this jurisdiction, before they enter upon the exercise of the functions of their respective offices, and every candidate upon his admission, shall take an obligation to support and maintain the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America.

DEGREES.

SECTION 19. The degrees recognized by the General Grand Chapter to be conferred in Chapters in this jurisdiction, are Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason.

FEES AND DUES.

SECTION 20. The General Grand Chapter shall, from time to time, fix the amount to be paid into the treasury thereof, for the organization of and as dues from, Subordinate Chapters under its immediate jurisdiction, and also the assessments to be paid by Grand Chapters.

SECTION 21. The fees for conferring the several degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason, by the Chapters in this jurisdiction, shall not be less than twenty dollars.

APPEALS.

SECTION 22. An appeal shall, in all cases, lie to the General Grand Chapter, from the decision of the General Grand High Priest; but his opinion and decision shall stand as the judgment of the General Grand Chapter, unless it shall be otherwise determined by the concurrent vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ARTICLE II.

GRAND CHAPTERS.

SECTION 23. Whenever there shall be three Subordinate Chapters regularly hartered and constituted in any State, District, Republic or Territory, by virue of authority derived from this Constitution, a Grand Chapter may be established, as soon as convenience and propriety may dictate: Provided, that the pprobation of the General Grand High Priest shall have been first obtained, and Grand Chapter thus established, shall have and possess all the rights, rivileges and prerogatives conferred upon Grand Chapters by this Constitution.

OF WHOM COMPOSED.

SECTION 24. Grand Chapters shall consist:

- I. Of the following Elective Officers, that is to say: Grand High Priest, Debuty Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.
- 2. Of the following Appointed Officers, that is to say: Grand Chaplain, Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Royal Arch Captain, and Grand Sentinel. Grand Chapters may, however, provide for the election of these officers, or any of hem, by provisions to that effect in their Constitution or By-Laws; and may, lso, in the same manner, provide for the election or appointment of such other officers as they may see proper, not in contravention of this Constitution, and he usages and customs of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction:
- 3. Of the Past Grand High Priests, Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Past Grand Kings and Past Grand Scribes of any Grand Chapter in this jurisdiction, while they continue members of a Chapter under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter in which they seek admission; and Grand Chapters may admit to permanent membership therein, Past Grand Treasurers and Past Grand Secretaries:
- 4. Of the Past High Priests of the chartered Chapters under their respective urisdictions; provided the Grand Chapter shall have first so prescribed in its Constitution or By-laws:
- 5. Of the High Priests, Kings and Scribes, or their proxies duly appointed, of the chartered Chapters under their respective jurisdictions; or, in their absence, then in their stead, a representative appointed by the Chapter.

MEETINGS.

SECTION 25. The Stated Convocations of Grand Chapters shall be holden at least once in every two years, and oftener, if they shall consider it expedient or necessary, and at such time and place as they shall respectively determine.

ELECTIONS.

SECTION 26. At each Annual Convocation the elective officers shall be chosen by ballot, and by a majority of the votes cast; and with or without nominations, as the Grand Chapters may severally at the time direct.

VOTING.

SECTION 27. Each member of a Grand Chapter has one vote, and no more, in his own right; but, if any of the representatives of a Chapter are not present when any vote is taken, the senior representative in rank shall cast the vote of those not present.

POWERS.

SECTION 28. Grand Chapters have the sole government and superintendence, except as herein otherwise specially provided, of the several Subordinate Chapters within their respective jurisdictions; to assign their limits and to settle any controversies which may arise between them; and shall have power, in such manner and under such restrictions as they may severally determine, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution, to establish new Subordinate Chapters within their respective jurisdictions.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 29. The Officers of Grand Chapters shall severally perform such duties and shall possess and enjoy such powers, prerogatives and privileges within their respective jurisdictions as are required, possessed, and enjoyed by the Officers of the General Grand Chapter, of like grade, under the provisions of this Constitution, so far as the same may be applicable.

Grand Chapters may require their Grand Officers to perform such other duties as may be deemed appropriate, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution, or the usages of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction.

SECTION 30. Grand Secretaries of Grand Chapters shall severally make an annual communication to each other, and also to the General Grand Secretary, containing a list of Grand Officers, and all such other matters as may be deemed necessary for the mutual benefit and information of the Grand Chapters; and shall, also, transmit to the General Grand Secretary, a copy of all their by-laws and regulations, and, annually, a copy of their Proceedings to each of the officers of the General Grand Chapter.

REVENUE.

SECTION 31. Grand Chapters may make, upon the Subordinate Chapters within their respective jurisdictions, such assessments for revenue as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Grand Chapter, and may prescribe the time and manner of the payment thereof; and may, also, require of their respective Subordinate Chapters, at stated times, such information as to their condition, as may be deemed proper, and may prescribe penalties for a failure to do these things.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SECTION 32. Grand Chapters, in the formation of Subordinate Chapters in their respective jurisdictions, shall observe the requirements and provisions of this Constitution in relation to the establishment of Subordinate Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, so far as the same may be applicable.

SECTION 33. Grand Chapters may concede territorial jurisdiction to each other, over territory nearer to a Chapter in another jurisdiction than their own.

ARTICLE III.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

SECTION 34. Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons throughout this jurisdiction shall have a dispensation or a charter, issued under the authority of the General Grand Chapter, or some Grand Chapter in this jurisdiction; and no Chapter shall be deemed legal without such dispensation or charter; and Masonic communication, both public and private, is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Chapter in this jurisdiction or any member thereof, and any Chapter or assembly that may be so illegally formed, opened or holden, or any member thereof, or any person exalted or advanced therein. But nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any Chapter which was established before the adoption of the General Royal Arch Constitution, at Hartford, January 27, 1798.

SECTION 35. No dispensation or charter for the institution of a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons shall be granted, except upon the petition of nine regular Royal Arch Masons; which petition shall be accompanied with a certificate from the Chapter nearest to the place where the new Chapter is intended to be opened, vouching for the moral character and Masonic abilities of the petitioners, and recommending that a dispensation or charter be granted them, except as hereinbefore provided, and except such certificate is unreasonably withheld.

SECTION 36. No dispensation or charter shall be granted for instituting Lodges of Most Excellent, Past or Mark Masters independent of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

SECTION 37. Charters for instituting Chapters of Royal Arch Masons shall contain also the power to open and hold Lodges of Most Excellent, Past, and Mark Master Masons—the High Priest, King and Scribe, for the time being, to be the Master and Wardens in said Lodges.

SECTION 38. It is the duty of the High Priest of every Chapter, as appertaining to his office, to see that the by-laws of his Chapter, as well as the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and the Constitution, By-laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, by authority of which his Chapter is working, be duly observed; that all the subordinate officers of his Chapter perform the duties of their respective stations faithfully, and are examples of diligence and industry to their companions; that true and exact records be kept of all the transactions of the Chapter, by the Secretary; that the Treasurer keep and render exact and just accounts of all moneys belonging to the Chapter; that the regular returns be made by the Secretary to the Grand Chapter, and the annual dues thereto be regularly and punctually paid. The charter of his Chapter is committed to his special care and charge. He has the right and authority of calling his Chapter together at pleasure, upon any emergency or

occurrence which in his judgment may require a meeting. It is also his duty, together with the King and Scribe of his Chapter, to attend the Convocations of the Grand Chapter, either in person or by proxy.

SECTION 39. Whenever it shall be inconvenient for the General Grand High Priest, or a Grand High Priest, to attend in person, to constitute a new Chapter and install the officers, he shall have power and authority to appoint some worthy High Priest or Past High Priest to perform the necessary ceremonies.

SECTION 40. No person, having been a member of a Chapter, shall be admitted a member of any Chapter in this jurisdiction until he shall have produced a certificate from the Chapter to which he last belonged, that he was in regular standing, and as such, at his own request, is dismissed and recommended, unless such Chapter has ceased to exist, in which case the certificate of the General Grand or Grand Secretary of the jurisdiction in which such Chapter had existed, as the case may be, shall be held sufficient.

SECTION 41. Chapters in this jurisdiction are authorized to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master, on any worthy companion from without this jurisdiction, who may present himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produce satisfactory evidence of having received that degree, to the end that he may be healed and thereby become a regular Royal Arch Mason, free of charge. For conferring said degrees, in such cases, Chapters shall be exempt from paying any dues.

SECTION 42. No Chapter shall confer the degrees of the Chapter upon any person whose fixed place of abode is within any other State, District or Territory in which there is a Grand Chapter regularly established, except by the consent of the Subordinate Chapter nearest the place of residence of the applicant, or when the Grand Chapter has ceded the territory on which he resides.

SECTION 43. When the High Priest of a Chapter is absent, or, in case of his inability to act, his powers and prerogatives shall vest in the King and Scribe, in succession. In the absence of all these officers from a Stated Convocation or a Special Convocation legally called, the Junior Past High Priest present shall open the Chapter and preside.

REJECTED CANDIDATES,

SECTION 44. No Chapter under this jurisdiction shall confer the degrees on any candidate previously rejected by any other Chapter, without the consent-of such rejecting Chapter, provided such Chapter be in existence.

QUORUM.

SECTION 45. For all purposes, except opening and closing a Chapter and conferring degrees, nine members of the Chapter are necessary to constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 46. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any triennial convocation, upon the concurrence of two-thirds of the votes to which the members present may be entitled, provided such amendment shall have been filed with the General Grand Secretary for six months, and shall have been by him included in the notice of the meeting forwarded to the members of the General Grand Chapter; provided, also, such amendment shall have been reported upon by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. The amendment so proposed may be modified in any manner by the General Grand Chapter, provided such modification shall not alter such proposed amendment in any substantial particular.

STANDING REGULATIONS.

First. For instituting a new Chapter, there shall be paid into the treasury of the General Grand Chapter ninety dollars.

Second. Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter shall pay into the treasury thereof two dollars for each exaltation by such Chapters; and fifty cents annually for each and every member of the same.

Third. Grand Chapters in this jurisdiction shall pay annually, on or before the first day of July, into the treasury of the General Grand Chapter, the sum of one cent for each Royal Arch Mason borne upon the rolls of their subordinates at the date of their preceding annual report.

Fourth. The salary of the General Grand Secretary shall be two hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

Fifth. The General Grand Treasurer shall receive as compensation for his services, two and one-half per centum upon each and every dollar of disbursements made by him.

Sixth. The necessary expenses incurred by the officers of the General Grand Chapter, except the General Grand Chaplain and General Grand Sentinel, shall be audited by the Committee on Finance, and paid by the General Grand Treasurer.

Seventh. A reasonable compensation shall be paid to the General Grand Sentinel, to be fixed by the Committee on Finance.

TITLES OF OFFICERS.

Comp. McDowell, of Missouri, offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on that subject appointed at the last Triennial Convocation.

Resolved, That the following shall be the grade of titles in Grand and Sub-ordinate Chapters:

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER:

The title of the General Grand High Priest shall be "Most Excellent."

The title of the Deputy General Grand High Priest shall be "Right Excellent."

The title of the remaining officers shall be "Very Excellent."

GRAND CHAPTERS:

The title of the Grand High Priest shall be "Right Excellent."

The title of the Deputy Grand High Priest shall be "Very Excellent."

The title of the remaining officers shall be "Excellent."

CHAPTERS:

The title of the High Priest shall be "Excellent."

The title of the remaining officers shall be "Companion."

REPORT OF DEPUTY GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Comp. John Frizzell, Deputy General Grand High Priest, submitted the following report:

To the General Grand Chapter:

During the time which I have had the honor of holding the position of Deputy General Grand High Priest, I have had no occasion to perform any official duty.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN FRIZZELL,

Deputy General Grand High Priest.

REPORT OF GENERAL GRAND KING.

Comp. Robert F. Bower, General Grand King, made report as follows:

To the General Grand Chapter of the United States:

I have the honor to report, that on the 15th of April, 1876, on the petition of a constitutional number of companions at Yankton, Dakota Territory, duly recommended, I issued a dispensation to them to form and open a Chapter at said place, under the name of Yankton Chapter, with Comp. F. M. Ziebach, as High Priest, Comp. L. D. Parmer, as King, and Comp. D. T. Bramble, as Scribe.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT F. BOWER,

General Grand King.

KEOKUK, Aug. 1st, 1877.

REPORT OF GENERAL GRAND SCRIBE.

Comp. Alfred F. Chapman, General Grand Scribe, presented the following report:

To the Members of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, in Twentythird Triennial Convocation assembled:

The generally healthy and harmonious condition of the Capitular Craft in the portion of the jurisdiction from which I hail, has simplified the duties of this office, and relieves me from the necessity of making an extended report.

In Massachusetts, with which I am most familiar, the work is carefully rendered; the records are fully and correctly kept; the paraphernalia is good and appropriate; the places of meeting are well furnished; due decorum is observed; the purposes of charity are properly administered; promptness in time and place are exemplified; economy in the use of funds prevails; the Grand Chapter has attested copies of the charters of subordinates in its archives, and annually exemplifies the work and lectures for the instruction of the companions.

From the printed reports, as well as from verbal assurances, I feel confident that the neighboring Grand Chapters are equally happy in their craft relations. This is also true of Rhode Island, whose Grand Chapter still holds aloof from the General Grand Chapter.

On St. John's day, in December, 1874, and again in 1876, I officially installed the officers of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts; and on January 12th of the present year, I publicly installed the officers of Cambridge Royal Arch Chapter—being introduced officially by the Grand High Priest of the Commonwealth for the purpose.

In the summer of 1876 I was consulted by Prof. B. A. GOULD, in regard to constituting a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the Argentine Republic. Brother GOULD was not a Royal Arch Mason, and it appeared that there were not enough resident companions, within the scope of his knowledge, to make the constitutional number of petitioners, hence, by reason of the summer vacations and shortness of time, it was decided to wait until he again visits Boston, when he desires to be qualified by exaltation.

In the late fall of 1876 I was consulted by Comp. CHARLES H. HILL, resident in China, in reference to the ritual, and, by the aid of Grand Lecturer Bowen, he became proficient in our mode of work. I also invited him to witness the annual exemplification, and we feel assured that the result will be advantageous to our interests in that country.

In addition to what the M.: E.: General Grand High Priest has said in reference to deceased members, I beg to allude more fully to Comp. Wendell Thornton Davis, Past Grand High Priest of Massachusetts, who was born April 12th, 1818, and, after a busy and useful life, rested from his labors December 3d, 1876. Born in Sandwich, Mass., graduated from Harvard College and the Cambridge Law School, and admitted to the Bar in 1841; he removed to

Greenfield, in his native State, where he practiced his profession successfully—envied by none and beloved by all; he was of those whose memories are sweet, and of whom we may truthfully say—

"Still shines the light of holy lives
Like starbeams over doubt;
Each sainted memory, Christ-like, drives
Some dark possession out."

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,

General Grand Scribe.

The reports of the Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, and General Grand Scribe were, on motion of Comp. Innes, of Michigan, referred to the Committee on Doings of General Grand Officers.

REPORT OF GENERAL GRAND TREASURER.

Comp. John McClellan, General Grand Treasurer, submitted his triennial report as follows, and the same was referred to the Committee on Finance:

John	McCL	ELLA	AN, General Grand Treasurer,							
	In account with the General Grand Chapter of the United States,									
I	r.									
1874.	Nov.	24.	Balance of cash in hand, \$3,064 79							
1876.	Jan.	3.	Received of General Grand Secretary, 772 54							
	Aug.	2.	" " Soo oo	,						
1877.	Mar.	2.	" " " Soo oo	,						
	Aug.	7-	Home Savings Bank, Boston, interest, 26 82							
			Five Cent Savings " " 50 12	;						
		20.	Received of General Grand Secretary, 1,257 58							
			Total,							
C	r.									
1874.	Nov.	26.	Paid Theodore S. Parvin, Acting G.: G.: K,:, at-							
			tendance 22d Triennial Convocation, . \$75 00	,						
			" Christopher G. Fox, G.: Secretary, attend-							
			ance 22d Triennial Convocation, . 100 00	,						
			" Christopher G. Fox, G.: Secretary, for sta-							
			tionery, postage and express charges, . 61 63							

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1874.	Nov. 26.	Paid	George Seiferle, G.:. Sentinel, for services 22d Triennial Convocation, 25 00
		"	Tavel, Eastman & Co., Nashville, Tenn., for
			printing address and report of Committee
			on Credentials, 51 50
	Dec. 4.	44	John McClellan, G.: G.: Treasurer, attend-
			ance 22d Triennial Convocation, . 120 00
		44	James M. Austin, Acting D.: G.: G.: H.: P.:,
			attendance 22d Triennial Convocation, . 100 00
	15.	**	Josiah H. Drummond, G.:. G.:. H.:. P.:., at-
			tendance 22d Triennial Convocation, . 150 00
		4.6	Stephen Berry, Portland, Me., for printing for
			G∴ G∴ H∴ P∴
	18.	66	Charles Marsh, G.: G.: S.:, attendance 22d
			Triennial Convocation, 200 00
0	19.		Young, Lockwood & Co., Buffalo, N. Y., print-
			ing and stationery for G.: G.: Sec. office, 56 90
	29.	44	Christopher G. Fox, G.: Secretary, salary
-0	Man zo	44	for 1872, 1873 and 1874,
1875.	Mar. 10.		S. D. Nickerson, Boston, Mass., use of plate
	T.O.	4.6	portrait of M.: E.: J. H. Drummond, . 25 00
	12.		American Bank Note Co., New York, for paper
	April 20.	6.6	and printing 3,000 copies portrait J. H. D. 54 00 Young, Lockwood & Co., Buffalo, N. Y., for
	11p111 20.		printing 3,000 copies Proceedings of 22d
			Triennial Convocation, 707 84
	June 3.	44	Christopher G. Fox, G.: Secretary, postage
13.1	3		on distribution of Proceedings, 207 00
1876.	Jan. 3.		Christopher G. Fox, G.: Secretary, salary
			for 1875,
	Dec. 27.	44	Christopher G. Fox, G.: Secretary, salary
			for 1876,
1877.	Ang. 20.	66	Young, Lockwood & Co., for stereotyping,
			printing and binding Proceedings, from
			1797 to 1856, inclusive, 1,628 00
	20.	44	Balance of cash on hand, 1,945 73
			Total,
			Fraternally submitted,
			,

ernally submitted,

JOHN McCLELLAN,

General Grand Treasurer.

REPORT OF GENERAL GRAND SECRETARY.

Comp. Christopher G. Fox, General Grand Secretary, presented the following report, which was

referred to the Committee on the Address of the General Grand High Priest:

To the General Grand Chapter of the United States:

The following is respectfully submitted as my report of matters pertaining to the duties of the General Grand Secretary for the past triennial period:

I. PRINTED PROCEEDINGS.

As soon as practicable after the close of the last Triennial Convocation, pursuant to a resolution then adopted, three thousand copies of its Proceedings were published and distributed in the usual manner, and a copy mailed to each Royal Arch Chapter in the United States, including all the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

The expense of the printing and distribution amounted in the aggregate to the sum of \$993.84, which was paid by the General Grand Treasurer, on warrants drawn upon him for the purpose, as will more fully appear in his report.

In compliance with the terms of a resolution adopted upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, at the last Triennial Convocation, the Proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, from its organization in 1798 up to and including the Triennial Convocation held at Hartford, in 1856, have been "copied and stereotyped, and one thousand copies thereof printed and bound," and are now ready for distribution and sale as provided in the resolution referred to.

It was expected at the time the action of the General Grand Chapter in relation to this matter was taken, that the preparation for the work of reprinting was to be commenced soon after the close of the meeting; but I found it impossible to give the matter immediate attention, and it was several months afterwards before the work was ready for the printer's hands. Further delay in its execution was occasioned by the supposition that the resources of the General Grand Chapter up to this time would be insufficient to complete the work of reprinting, and provide the necessary means to meet the expenses of this Convocation and print its Proceedings. But that difficulty disappearing as time advanced, the work was completed, and the volume is presented with the hope that it will be found upon examination a correct and reliable record of the Proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, and a valuable contribution to the list of publications of a like character.

The Grand Chapter of Maryland furnished the engraved portrait of M.: E.: Comp. Charles Gilman, and the Grand Chapter of New York those of M.: E.: Comps. De Witt Clinton, John L. Lewis, and James M. Austin, Past General Grand High Priests, which embellish the volume, pursuant to a resolution adopted at the last Triennial Convocation. It is to be regretted that the portraits of other distinguished companions who, in the early history of the General Grand Chapter wisely guided its fortunes, were not furnished in the same manner for presentation to the Craft in this publication.

The entire cost of the work of stereotyping, printing and binding the Proceedings, amounting to \$1,628.00, was paid by the General Grand Treasurer as provided in the resolution ordering the work.

II. CONSTITUTION OF NEW CHAPTERS.

The Chapters to which warrants were granted at the last Triennial Convocation, were regularly constituted, and their officers installed, under authority granted by the General Grand High Priest, as follows:

January 23, 1875. DEER LODGE CHAPTER, No. 3, at Deer Lodge City, Montana Territory, by Comp. J. C. SINGER, P.:. H.:. P.:. of Helena Chapter, No. 2, of the same Territory.

January 27, 1875. UTAH CHAPTER, No. 1, Salt Lake City, Utah Territory, by Comp. EDGAR P. SNOW, P.:. H.:. P.:. of WYOMING CHAPTER, No. 1. of Wyoming Territory.

January 27, 1875. GEORGETOWN CHAPTER, No. 4, Georgetown, Colorado Territory, by Comp. Wm. N. Byers, P.: H.: P.: of Denver City Chapter.

February 19, 1875. GOLDEN CHAPTER, No. 5, at Golden, Colorado Territory, by Comp. Wm. N. Byers, P.: H.: P.: of Denver City Chapter.

GEORGETOWN CHAPTER, No. 4, and GOLDEN CHAPTER, No. 5, united with the other Chapters located in Colorado, viz., CENTRAL CITY, No. 1, DENVER CITY, No. 2, and PUEBLO, No. 3, in the organization, on the 11th day of May, 1875, of the Grand Chapter of Colorado.

The dispensation, granted March 24th, 1873, to Comp. Thomas M. Reed, and others, to form and hold a Chapter at Olympia, Washington Territory, referred to in my report in 1874, was returned to me in February, 1875, with a copy of the minutes of its proceedings of the first, and only, convocation held under the dispensation. The reasons given for the return of the dispensation were stated in an accompanying letter of Comp. Reed, as follows:

"For several months after the dispensation was received, attempts were made to organize the Chapter, but only on one or two occasions could we get a constitutional number present, and nothing more than a mere temporary organization was effected—no work was done, and not even a code of by-laws adopted. I do not see any immediate prospect, at this time, for making the Chapter a success, and believe it best to abandon the effort, and therefore return the dispensation."

III. ORGANIZATION OF NEW CHAPTERS.

Dispensations authorizing the formation of new Chapters have been granted since the last Triennial Convocation, as follows:

By the General Grand High Priest:

February 22, 1876, to Comps. A. H. Morehead, as High Priest; John P. Risque, as King; R. B. Wilson, as Scribe, and their associate petitioning companions, to organize a Chapter at Silver City in the Territory of New Mexico, to be known as Silver City Chapter.

April 25th, 1876, to Comps. Orlando North, as High Priest; Edward W. Smith, as King; Frank M. Foote, as Scribe, and their associate petitioning companions, to form a Chapter at Evanston, Wyoming Territory, to be known as Evanston Chapter. The petition for the dispensation to form this

Chapter was duly recommended by WYOMING CHAPTER, No. 1, at Cheyenne, of the same Territory,

March 15, 1877, to Comps. Stephen L. Mills, as High Priest; John H. Brazier, as King; William S. Phillips, as Scribe, and their associate petitioning companions, to hold a Chapter at Laramie City, Wyoming Territory, to be known as Lebanon Chapter. The petition for this Chapter was also duly recommended by Wyoming Chapter, No. 1, at Cheyenne.

By the General Grand King:

April 15, 1876, to Comps. F. M. ZIEBACH, as High Priest; L. D. PARMER, as King; D. T. BRAMBLE as Scribe, and their associate petitioning companions, to organize a Chapter at Yankton, Dakota Territory, to be known as YANKTON CHAPTER. Petition recommended by Sioux City Chapter, No, 26, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Iowa.

These Chapters have made returns of their work, paid all dues, transmitted transcripts of their records and copies of their by-laws, returned the dispensations under and by virtue of which they were organized, and have adopted resolutions in the prescribed form requesting the General Grand Chapter to grant them warrants of constitution.

IV. OF THE GRAND CHAPTERS.

Pursuant to the instruction contained in a resolution adopted by the General Grand Chapter at the last Triennial Convocation, a suitable form for the Annual Reports of the several Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction was prepared, and transmitted from time to time to their Grand Secretaries, and a copy of the same is herewith presented for approval.

Annual Reports for the years hereafter mentioned, of the following named Grand Chapters have been received, and nearly all have paid the annual contribution to the funds of the General Grand Chapter pursuant to its request, as will more particularly appear in the financial statement which constitutes a part of this report.

Reports for the year 1874: The Grand Chapters of Illinois, Ohio, and Tennessee.

Reports for the year 1875: The Grand Chapters of Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Wisconsin.

Reports for the year 1876: The Grand Chapters of Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

Of the Grand Chapters that have held their annual convocations for the present year the following have made their reports, viz.: Delaware, Georgia, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, New York, Oregon, South Carolina, and Wisconsin.

The printed Proceedings of the several Grand Chapters for the years 1874, 1875, and 1876, with very few exceptions, have been received, and their preservation, as a portion of the archives of the General Grand Secretary's Office, properly cared for.

A careful examination of these proceedings show conclusively that most of the Grand Chapters are in a sound and healthy condition as respects their finances, and the general character of their work, and methods of transacting business, and that the management of their affairs is usually entrusted to companions worthy of the exalted positions they hold in the Craft.

Some of the Grand Chapters, few in number, however, to which the foregoing will apply with equal fitness, except as to their financial condition, find it difficult, with the limited means at their command, to meet promptly their necessary expenses, and are weakened accordingly; while none seem to have escaped the evil effects of the distressing blight that has fallen upon our country in common with the rest of the world, by reason of the financial and business depression so generally prevailing, and which affects alike disastrously the membership and resources of all Masonic Bodies—by reducing their revenues, materially affecting their work, and compelling many to retire from an active participation in the duties and privileges of Masonry.

I find nothing in the proceedings indicating any disposition, on the part of a Grand Chapter, to make any radical changes in the well-settled principles of law or the usages of the Craft as understood in this jurisdiction, except in the action of the Grand Chapter of Texas on the subject of extending its jurisdiction beyond the limits of the State, which is referred to in the address of the General Grand High Priest, and the action of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, on the question of assuming control of the degrees of Royal and Select Master.

It appears, from the printed document addressed to me, duly authenticated by the respective seals, and attested by the signature of the Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of the State of Mississippi, and which is a copy of the report of a joint committee submitted to and adopted by both Grand Bodies, that they have entered into an arrangement by which those degrees are to be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, and conferred in its subordinates, in accordance with the agreement entered into between the two Grand Bodies. And "The General Grand Chapter of the United States is most earnestly, but respectfully, petitioned to permit the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master to be conferred as a part of the Royal Arch degree, the former before the Royal Arch, and the latter after." And it is further provided in the agreement, that "the officers of the Grand Council shall be elected in order to preserve the organization, pending the approval of the General Grand Chapter."

This matter together with the papers are submitted, for such action as may seem just and proper.

The Grand Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter now number thirty-six; the Grand Chapter of Nevada, recognized and admitted at the last Triennial Convocation, and the Grand Chapter of Colorado, organized May 11, 1875, with the consent of the General Grand High Priest, having been added to the number since the last report. The subordinates under their several jurisdictions number about 1,925, with a membership of nearly 118,000 companions.

V. OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

The Chapters immediately subordinate to the General Grand Chapter in this country have made returns annually to December 27th, 1876, and have paid dues to that date, with the exception of DEER LODGE CHAPTER, No. 3, Montana Territory; which made its return and paid dues to December 27th, 1875.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, at Shanghai, in the Empire of China, has also made its return, and paid all dues to December 27th, 1876.

HONOLULU CHAPTER, No. 1, at Honolulu, H. I., made its return, and paid dues to December 27th, 1875.

The Chapters on the Registry of the General Grand Chapter, known as KING CYRUS CHAPTER, at Valparaiso, Chili, and St. John's Chapter, at Smyrna, in Turkey, have made no returns, and I have had no intimation from any source as to their condition; and, as nothing has been heard from them for the past six years, I am led to believe that they are not now in existence.

On the 16th January, 1875, SANTA FE CHAPTER, at Santa Fe, in the Territory of New Mexico, surrendered its warrant by a vote of its members, and the charter was returned to me, with a certified list of its members in good standing at the time. The charter was restored March 15th, 1877, by direction of the General Grand High Priest, and the Chapter was reorganized August 1st by the election of William W. Griffin as High Priest, Thomas B. Catron as King, and Gustave Elsberg as Scribe, who were duly installed into office on August 2d, by Comp. Samuel B. Wheelock, P.: H.: P:

During the time the warrant was in my possession, certificates of good standing in the Chapter, at the time of the surrender of the warrant, were granted to Comps. Chas. L. Cooper and Peter Knapp, under date of January 3d, 1876.

WALLA WALLA CHAPTER, No. 2, claiming that it is the only Chapter now in existence in Washington Territory, respectfully prays to have its warrant changed to No. 1.

VI. FINANCIAL.

In respect to the finances of the General Grand Chapter, I have to report that I have received on account of

Annual contributions of	of Grand Chapters,					\$2,	765	86
Dues for exaltation fee	s in subordinate wa	arrante	d C	hapt	ers,		394	00
Dispensation fees for n	ew Chapters, .						360	00
Dues for exaltations in	Chapters U.:. D.:.,						90	00
Interest on deposits in	Savings Bank,			•			20	2 6
	Total, .	•				\$3	 ,630	12

The sources from which this sum was derived, together with the dates of receipt respectively, are as follows:

1874.				
Nov.	25.	Grand Chapter of Mississippi, contribution, 1874,	\$18 48	8
66	4.6	Grand Chapter of Nebraska, contributions, 1871		
		\$3.59, 1872 \$3.92, 1873 \$4.79, · · ·	12 30	0
Dec.	19.	Grand Chapter of South Carolina, contribution,		
		1874,	9 39	8
	44	Grand Chapter of Missouri, contributions, 1872		
		\$37.00, 1873 \$39.79, 1874 \$40.14,	116 93	3
1875.				
Jan.	7.	Cyrus Chapter, No. 2, Silver City, Idaho Terri-		
		tory, dues to December 27, 1874,	18 00	0
"	27.	Central City Chapter, No. 1, Central City, Color-		
		ado Territory, dues to December 27, 1874,	6 00	
Feb.	4.	Grand Chapter of New York, contribution, 1875,	187 1	Ι
64	6.	Walla Walla Chapter, No. 2, Walla Walla, Wash-		
3		ington Territory, dues to December 27, 1874,	32 00	0
"	26.	Virginia City Chapter, No. 1, Virginia City, Mon-		
		tana Territory, dues to December 27, 1874, .	4 00	0
"	66	Keystone Chapter, Shanghai, China, dues for the		
		year 1872 \$14.00, 1873 \$34.00, 1874 \$34.00.		
		Total \$82.00, less \$18.00 received January		
		29, 1873,	64 0	0
66	66	Keystone Chapter, Shanghai, China, on account	a	
		of dues for the year 1875,	15 70	9
Mar.	27.	Wyoming Chapter, No. 1, Cheyenne, Wyoming		
		Territory, dues to December 27, 1874, .	38 00	0
May	22.			
		Territory, dues to December 27, 1874,	24 0	0
Sept.	II.	Honolulu Chapter, No. 1, Honolulu, H. I., dues		
		to December 27, 1874,	40 00	
"	22.	Grand Chapter of Ohio, contribution, 1874,	83 00	
Oct.	27.	" " Missouri, " 1875, .	-	
Dec.	6.	" Iowa, " "	-	
"	30.	" " Mississippi, " " .	24 50	0
1876.				
Jan.	18.	Virginia City Chapter, No. 1, Virginia City, Mon-		
		tana Territory, dues to Dec. 27, 1875,	22 0	
Feb.	3.	Grand Chapter of New York, contribution, 1876,	186 90	6
"	14.	Wyoming Chapter, No. 1, Cheyenne, Wyoming		
		Territory, dues to Dec. 27, 1875,	20 0	0
"	28.	Dispensation fee for Silver City Chapter, at Silver		
		City, New Mexico,	90 0	0
16	28.	Silver City Chapter, U.: D.:, Silver City, New		
		Mexico, on account,	10 00	0

	Feb.	29.	Deer Lodge Chapter, No. 3, Deer Lodge, Montana		
			Territory, dues to Dec. 27, 1875.	\$10	00
	Marc	h 2.	Grand Chapter of Maryland, contribution, 1875,	12	51
	6.6	4.6	Walla Walla Chapter, No. 2, Walla Walla, Wash-		
	•		ington Territory, dues to Dec. 27, 1875, .	6	00
	6.6	4.	Helena Chapter, No. 2, Helena, Montana Terri-		
			tory, dues to Dec. 27, 1875,	6	00
	4.6	14.	Grand Chapter of Louisiana, contributions, 1875		
			\$16.18, 1876 \$15.70,	31	88
	April	4.	Grand Chapter of Maine, contribution, 1875, .	38	98
	4.4	15.	Dispensation fee for Yankton Chapter, at Yank-		
			ton, Dakota Territory,	90	00
	4.4	19.	Honolulu Chapter, No. 1, Honolulu, H. I., dues		
			to December 27, 1875,	8	00
	4.4	44	Honolulu Chapter, on account of dues for 1876,	2	00
	"	29.	Cyrus Chapter, No. 2, Silver City, Idaho Terri-		
			tory, dues to December 27, 1875,	6	00
	May	23.			
	•		ton, Wyoming Territory,	90	00
	June	15.	Grand Chapter of Michigan, contributions, 1872		
	J	J	\$59.27, 1873 \$62.80, 1874 \$67.91, 1875 \$73.27,	263	25
	Aug.	10.	Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, con-		- 5
	3		tributions 1872, 1873, 1874, and 1875, .	42	93
	44	15.	Keystone Chapter, Shanghai, China, in full for		93
		J	dues to December 27, 1875,	8	21
	Oct.	18.	Grand Chapter of Kansas, contribution, 1875,		85
	Dec.	20.	" Mississippi, " 1876, .		27
	44	29.	Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, con-	-3	-,
			tribution, 1876,	IO	7S
	44	"	Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, contribution,		, ,
			1875, ,	20	91
187	7.		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		<i>y</i> -
	Feb.	15.	Grand Chapter of Missouri, contribution, 1876,	42	67
	44	"	Grand Chapter of Indiana, contributions, 1872		
			\$41.16, 1873 \$43.32, 1874 \$45.67, 1875		
			\$48,68. 1876 \$49.18, ,	228	οı
	4.6	17.	Grand Chapter of Iowa, contribution, 1876, .	41	34
	"	17.	Grand Chapter of New York, contribution, 1877,	185	39
	44	27.	" " Ohio, " 1875,	84	75
	"	46	" " Michigan, " 1876,	73	ю
	Marc	h 6.	Grand Chapter of South Carolina, contributions,		
			1876 \$9.48, 1877 \$9.51,	18	.99
	66	15.	Dispensation fee for Lebanon Chapter, at Lara-		
			mie City, Wyoming Territory,	90	00
	44	19.	Grand Chapter of Louisiana, contribution, 1877,	14	28

Mar.	19.	Grand	Chapter	of Arkansas,	contributio	ons, 1875					
		\$1	2.56, 187	6 \$8.39, .			\$20	95			
April	30.	Grand	Chapter -	of Connecticu	t, contribut	ion, 1876,	36	86			
"	"	"	"	Maryland,	••	66	13	04			
June	2.	"	"	New Hamp	oshire, ''	66	21	15			
• "	II.	6.6	"	Colorado,	"	"	3	47			
"	2 6.	"	"	Alabama,	"	"	13	45			
July	10.	"	"	Ohio,	"	6.6	85	79			
"	24.	"	"	Wisconsin,	"	1877,	30	67			
"	27.	"	"	Mississippi,		66	21	30			
Aug.	I.	Grand	Chapter	of Maine, cont	tributions, 1	876 \$39.94	,				
		18	77 \$41.3	9,			Sı	33			
"	2.	Grand	Chapter	of New Ham	pshiae, con	tribution,					
		18	77,				21	57			
"	4.	Grand	Chapter	of Georgia,	contributio	ons, 1876					
		\$1	8.69, 187	77 \$17.24.			35	93			
"	7.	Grand	Chapter	of Kansas, co	ntribution.	1876,	ΙΙ	53			
4.6	IO.	Grand	Chapter	of Wisconsin	, contributi	ons, 1873					
		\$2	25.25, 187	4 \$26.33, 1875	\$28.46, 18	76 \$28.91,	108	95			
"	66			of Tennessee							
			-	6 \$35.79,			73	67			
"	II.		Grand Chapter of Oregon, contribution, 1877, . 4 15								
"	"		-	oter, No. 1, C							
		_	-	dues to Dec. 2			6	00			
"	13.		•	No. 3, Boise C							
	1).		-	ree years to D	•	-	6	00			
"	"			of Illinois,	-			00			
			_	75 \$104.87, 18			311	38			
"	"						311	50			
		Utah Chapter, No. 1, Salt Lake City, Utah Territory, dues 1875 \$14.00, 1876 \$6.00,									
"	"		_	er, No. 2, Hel			20	OO			
			_				т О	00			
"	"		_	1874 \$6.00, 18			12	00			
			-	er, U∴ D∴, Y			- Q	.00			
"	T 4			S			10	.00			
	14.		-	of Nebraska,			T.0	0.77			
"		_		1875 and 187			19	07			
	14.		_	ter, U.: D.:,		•	(
"			_	itory, dues, .			0	00			
•	20.			hapter, No. 2,							
"	66		_	ritory, dues to			10	00			
••	••			apter, U.:. D							
66	,,			ies,			34	00			
	66			oter, U.: D.:.,							
				dues,				00			
		Intere	st on dep	osits, Savings	Bank, .	•	20	2 6			
			Tota	l,		\$	3,630	12			

Which amount was paid to the General Grand Treasurer as follows:

1876.	January 3,									•	\$772	54
	August 2,					•					. Soo	00
1877.	March 2,		•					•			Soo	00
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I have expended during my second term for postage, express charges, etc., the sum of \$56.20.

CHRISTOPHER G. FOX,

General Grand Secretary.

The General Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.—Morning Session.

WEDNESDAY, August 22d, Nine o'clock, A. M.

The General Grand Chapter resumed labor.

M.: E.: Elbert H. English, General Grand High Priest, presiding.

Officers, Permanent Members, and Representatives present as before.

Prayer was offered by the General Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the proceedings of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

FROM COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The General Grand Secretary, of the Committee on Credentials, reported that Comp. Charles W. Alexander, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, was present, and entitled to a seat in the General Grand Chapter.

The report was accepted and Comp. ALEXANDER took his seat accordingly.

INVITATION TO AN EXCURSION,

The following communication was read, and, on motion of Comp. Underhill, of Ohio, the invitation therein contained was accepted:

Most Excellent General Grand High Priest and Companions of the General Grand Chapter:

The Royal Arch Masons of Buffalo desiring to contribute, to your enjoyment while in our City, have arranged for an excursion to Niagara Falls, on Thursday the 23d inst., and they heartily and cordially invite you to accompany them. It will consume the entire day.

They also cordially invite you to a carriage ride through our principal avenues and parks on the afternoon of Friday the 24th inst.

Fraternally,

CHARLES H. RATHBUN,

Buffalo, Aug. 21st, 1877.

Grand Officers.

Chairman Committee of Arrangements.

HASWELL C. CLARKE, Illinois, FREDERICK C. ROBERTS, North Carolina.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The General Grand High Priest announced the appointment of Committees as follows:

appointment of	Committees as follow	S:
Jurisprudence, .	Josiah H. Drummond, Albert Pike, John Q. A. Fellows, Augustine T. Smythe, David F. Day, Reuben C. Lemmon, Horace S. Winslow,	Dist. of Columbia, Louisiana, South Carolina, New York, Ohio,
Finance,	JOHN J. BELL, HENRY M. AIKEN, HENRY H. KNAPP, WM. WALLACE LEE, JAMES E. COBB,	New Hampshire, Tennessee, California, Connecticut, Alabama.
Foreign Correspondence,	DARIUS S. OGDEN, ELIAS R. DU VAL, HENRY CHICKERING, HARVEY W. WALTER, EDWARD S. DANA,	New York, Arkansas, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Vermont.
Grievances,	THEODORE S. PARVIN, JAMES W. STATON, HUGH McCurdy, JAMES W. UNDERHILL, ISAAC L. JOHNSON,	Kentucky, Michigan,
Doings of General Grand Officers.	John L. Lewis, Luther J. Glenn, John M. Price,	New York, Georgia, Kansas,

Charters and Dispensations,

DeWitt C. Dawkins. Florida,
Daniel H. Wheeler, Nebraska,
George Scott, New Jersey,
George L. McCahan, Maryland,
Melvin L. Youngs, Wisconsin.

Memorials of the Dead, . . .

Joseph P. Hornor, Louisiana,
SMITH B. HARRINGTON, Massachusetts,
IRVING W. STANTON, Colorado,
RICHARD J. MARVIN, Minnesota,
WILLIAM C. SWAIN, Wisconsin,
REUBEN PEDEN, Indiana,
ZEPHANIAH C. LUSE, Iowa,
JACOB F. MYNICH, Delaware,
ARTHUR R. H. ATKINS, Illinois.

SEATTLE CHAPTER.

The General Grand High Priest made a statement of the difficulties which led to the suspension, in 1874, of the Charter of Seattle Chapter, No. 1, Washington Territory, and, on motion of Comp. Drummond, of Maine, it was

Resolved, That the General Grand High Priest be authorized to commission some worthy High Priest, or Past High Priest, to examine into the condition of Seattle Chapter, at Seattle in Washington Territory, and, if, upon such examination, he shall deem it expedient, to reorganize said Chapter, install its officers, and deliver the charter.

IN REGARD TO HOSPITALITIES.

Comp. Chapman, General Grand Scribe, offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Resolved, as a Standing Order, That after the General Grand Chapter of the United States shall have been duly opened, at any Triennial Convocation, it will not be in order to adjourn without unanimous consent, to participate in any hospitalities tendered by the local Craft, during the hours of business fixed by the General Grand Chapter, until said business shall have been concluded.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT TRIENNIAL CONVOCATION.

Comp. Dana, of Vermont, offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to select and recommend a suitable place and time for the next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter.

Comp. Innes, of Michigan, offered the following as a substitute for the resolution offered by Comp. Dana:

Resolved, That a committee of seven companions be appointed by the General Grand Chapter to fix upon the time and place of the next meeting of this Grand Body, and report their action to the General Grand High Priest in time for publication in the printed Proceedings of this Triennial Convocation, provided, however, that the General Grand Chapter shall not meet at the same time with the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States.

On motion of Comp. Walter, of Mississippi, the consideration of the resolutions offered by Comps. Dana and Innes, was postponed until three o'clock this afternoon.

Comp. Buckner, of Kentucky, offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That when any companion shall address the General Grand Chapter, he shall give his name and that of the State in which he resides.

REPORT ON ADDRESS OF GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST,

AND REPORT OF GENERAL GRAND SECRETARY.

Comp. Root, of the Committee to which was referred the address of the General Grand High Priest, and the report of the General Grand Secretary, for subdivision and appropriate reference, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee to which was referred the address of the M.: E.: General Grand High Priest and the report of Comp. General Grand Secretary, for assignment to specific committees, respectfully beg leave to report:

As to the address of the General Grand High Priest:

- 1. That so much thereof as relates to the death roll of the General Grand hapter, be referred to the Committee on Memorials of the Dead.
- 2. That the decisions, and so much of the subject of dispensations as relates the circumstances attending the granting of the dispensation to SILVER CITY CHAPTER, in New Mexico, and the action of the Grand Chapter of Texas, be eferred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.
- 3. That the matter relating to dispensations for new Chapters, and that thich refers to subordinate Chapters immediately under this jurisdiction, be aftered to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.
- 4. That the portions relating to special dispensations, the reprint of the roceedings, and the condition of Grand Chapters, be referred to the Committee n Doings of the General Grand Officers.

As to the report of Comp. General Grand Secretary:

- I. That the matters of reprint of Proceedings, (Sec. I,) the constitution of ew Chapters, (Sec. II,) and of Grand Chapters, (Sec. IV,) except so far as plates to the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, be referred to the Committee on boings of the General Grand Officers.
- 2. That the matters of organization of new Chapters, (Sec. III,) and of sub-rdinate Chapters, (Sec. V,) be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.
- 3. That the financial exhibit, (Sec. VI,) be referred to the Committee on inance.
- 4. That so much of Section IV of the report, as relates to the agreement of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi with the Grand Council of that jurisdiction, a referred to a special committee of seven.

Respectfully submitted,

OREN ROOT, JR.
WILLIAM P. INNES,
GEORGE R. JONES,
EDWIN F. WARREN,
THOMAS B. LONG,
LLOYD M. COBB,
DWIGHT BYINGTON.

RITUALISM.

Comp. Pike, of the District of Columbia, offered he following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed, by the General Grand ouncil, to take into consideration the differences of ritualism in the jurisdicton, and to report to this General Grand Chapter such instruction in regard ereto as is fit and proper this General Grand Body should give for the government of its own subordinates.

THE CONSTITUTION.

Comp. Austin, of New York, moved to proceed to the consideration of the report of the Committe appointed to Revise the Constitution, whereupon

Comp. Drummond, of Maine, offered the report of the Committee (see pages 39–49) as a propose amendment to the Constitution, pursuant to Sec. of the Miscellaneous Provisions thereof.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Comp. Drummond also proposed the following amendment to the Constitution, and the same was ordered published with the Proceedings:

Resolved, That Section 3 of the Miscellaneous Provisions of the Constitution be stricken out, and the following be inserted instead thereof:

"Section 3. This Constitution may be altered, amended, or revised, at an Triennial Convocation, by two thirds of the votes to which the members present when the vote is taken may be entitled."

Comp. Pike, of the District of Columbia, offere the following as a proposed amendment to the Corstitution, which was also ordered published with the Proceedings:

Resolved, That Section 3 of the Miscellaneous Provisions of the Constitution be amended, by adding the following:

"Provided, however, that the amendment so proposed may be modified any manner by the General Grand Chapter while the same is before it for cosideration. No modification, however, shall be made not germain to the matt contained in the original proposed amendment."

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION CONTINUED.

Comp. DAY, of New York, moved that the Conmittee on the Revision of the Constitution be continued, for the purpose of perfecting its report, in respect to the reasons which induced the Committee to

ecommend certain provisions differing from those in the present Constitution; which motion was adopted.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The General Grand High Priest announced the pointment of the Special Committee in relation the action of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, the subject of its agreement with the Grand ouncil of that State in respect to the degrees of oyal and Select Master, as follows:

Comps. Hugh McCurdy, of Michigan, James M. Iowry, of Mississippi, Charles W. Romney, of Iassachusetts, Garrett D. Buckner, of Kentucky, ohn R. Holbrook, of New Hampshire, Charles . Achey, of Maryland, and James D. Pollard, of ew York.

And, on the resolution of Comp. Pike, in regard to ifferences of Rituals:

Comps. Seranus Bowen, of Massachusetts, Ben-MIN F. Haller, of Tennessee, Allan McDowell, Missouri, Charles W. Alexander, of North Cardina, Alexander Thomas, of Indiana, Rees G. Villiams, of New York, Charles J. Kruger, of Iichigan, Edward Goeller, of New Jersey, and Zariah T. C. Pierson, of Minnesota.

TIME FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On motion of Comp. Root, of Missouri,

Resolved, That the time for the election of General Grand Officers be fixed the afternoon session of to-day, immediately following the special order now signed.

The General Grand Chapter was then called from bor to refreshment until three o'clock this afternoon.

SECOND DAY.—Afternoon Session.

WEDNESDAY Three o'clock, P. M.

The General Grand Chapter resumed labor.

M.: E.: Elbert H. English, General Grand High Priest, presiding.

Officers, Permanent Members, and Representatives present as before.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

The General Grand Chapter proceeded to the consideration of the resolutions providing for the appointment of committees to select a place and time for the next Triennial Convocation, offered at the morning session and postponed to this hour. The question being upon the substitute offered by Comp. Innes, Comp. Pike, of the District of Columbia, moved to postpone action on the same to a day beyond the convocation, which motion was lost, on a call of the yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.—The Grand Chapter of Alabama 4 votes, Arkansas 4, Colorado 4, District of Columbia 4, Georgia 4, Kansas 4, Kentucky 3, Massachusetts 4, Maryland 4, Mississippi 4, Missouri 4, South Carolina 4, Tennessee 4, Vermont 4, Wisconsin 4. Officers: The General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, General Grand Scribe, General Grand Treasurer, General Grand Captain of the Host, each I vote. Permanent Members: Comps. Austin, Brown, Pike, Price, McCahan, Howry, Root, Smythe, and Youngs, each I vote. Total, 74.

NAYS.—The Grand Chapter of California 4 votes, Connecticut 4, Delaware 4, Florida 4, Illinois 4, Indiana 4, Iowa 4, Kentucky I, Lousiana 4, Maine 4, Michigan 4, Nebraska 4, New Hampshire 4, New Jersey 4, New York 4, North Carolina 4, Ohio 4. Officers: General Grand Secretary I. Permanent Members: Comps. Lewis, Drummond, Pierson, Fellows, Lee, Dawkins, Clarke, Thomas, Fish, Parvin, Ells, Luse, Bostwick, Hornor, Bell, Chickering, Innes, McCurdy, Wheeler, Holbrook and Williams, each 1 vote. Total, 87.

The question recurring upon the substitute, it was adopted, on a call of the yeas and nays, by the folowing vote:

YEAS.—The Grand Chapter of California 4 votes, Colorado 4, Connecticut 4, Delaware 4, Florida 3, Illinois 4, Indiana 4, Iowa 4, Kansas 4, Kentucky I, Louisiana 4, Maine 4, Massachusetts 4, Maryland 4, Michigan 4, Nebraska 4, New Hampshire 4, New Jersey 4, North Carolina 4, Ohio 2, South Carolina 4. Officers: General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, General Grand Scribe, General Grand Secretary, General Grand Captain of the Host, General Grand Royal Arch Captain, each I vote, Permanent Members: Comps. Drumnond, Pierson, Fellows, Lee, Clarke, Thomas, Fish, Parvin, Ells, Luse, Price, Hornor, Bell, McCahan, Innes, McCurdy, Wheeler, Holbrook, and Smythe, each I vote. Total, 103.

NAYS.—The Grand. Chapter of Alabama 4 votes, Arkansas 4, District of Columbia 4, Florida 1, Georgia 4, Kentucky 3, Mississippi 4, Missouri 4, New York 4, Ohio 2, Tennessee 4, Vermont 4, Wisconsin 4. Officers: Deputy General Grand High Priest 1. Permanent Members: Comps. Austin, Brown, Pike, Dawkins, Chickering, Howry, Root, Williams, and Dana, each 1 vote. Total, 56.

SPECIAL ORDER POSTPONED.

On motion of Comp. CHICKERING, of Massachusetts, the special order, viz. the election of officers, appointed for this time, was discharged, and re-appointed for ten o'clock, A. M., on Friday next.

INVITATION TO A BANQUET.

Comp. VAN VLIET, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York, on behalf of said Grand Chapter, tendered an invitation to the members of the General Grand Chapter to attend a banquet on this evening at the Tifft House; which invitation was accepted.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Comp. Burrows, of New Jersey, moved to adopt the resolution offered at the last Triennial Convocation proposing an amendment to Sec. 1 of Art. 2 of the Constitution, in these words, viz: "Provided, also, that State Grand Chapters may admit to membership therein the Past High Priests of subordinate Chapters in their respective jurisdictions, so long as they may continue members of such Chapters."

which motion was carried.

On motion of Comp. SMYTHE, of South Carolina, the following resolution, offered at the last Triennial Convocation, and duly published with the Proceedings, was adopted:

Resolved, That Sec. 3, of Art. 1, of the Constitution, be amended, by inserting between the words "officers" and "shall," the words "or their proxies," so that when amended the last clause of said section will read as follows:

Provided, That any Chapter under this jurisdiction, in any State, District or Territory, where there is no Grand Chapter duly established, shall have a right to appear by its first three officers, or any one or two of them, which officers, or their proxies, shall collectively have one vote.

Comp. Smythe also moved to adopt the resolution, offered at the last Triennial Convocation, proposing an amendment of Sec. 3, of Art. 1, of the Constitution, by adding thereto the following:

"And provided, further, That all proxies referred to in this section shall be held only by members of the bodies they severally represent."

Which motion was carried, on a call of the yeas and nays, by the following vote:

YEAS.—The Grand Chapter of Alabama, 4 votes, Arkansas 4, California 4, Colorado 4, District of Columbia 4, Florida 4, Georgia 4, Illinois 4, Indiana 4, Iowa 4, Kentucky 4, Louisiana 4, Massachusetts 4, Maryland 4, Michigan 4, Mississippi 4, Missouri 4, Nebraska 4, New Jersey 4, New York 4, North Carolina 4, South Carolina 4, Tennessee 4, Wisconsin 4. Officers: General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, General Grand Captain of the Host, General Grand Royal Arch Captain, each I vote. Permanent Members: Comps. Lewis, Pierson, Fellows, Brown, Pike, Dawkins, Clarke, Thomas, Fish, Parvin, Ells, Luse, Hornor, McCahan, Chickering, Innes, Howry, Wheeler, Holbrook, Smythe, and Youngs, each I vote. Total, 121.

NAYS.—The Grand Chapter of Connecticut, 4 votes, Delaware 4, Kansas 4, Maine 4, New Hampshire 4, Ohio 4, Vermont 4. Officers: Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand Scribe, General Grand Secretary, each 1 vote. Permanent Members: Comps. Drummond, Lee, Price, Bell, McCurdy, Williams, and Dana, each 1 vote. Total, 38.

On motion of Comp. Drummond, the consideration of the remaining proposed amendments to the Constitution, as published on page 100 of the Proceedings of 1874, was postponed until the next Triennial Convocation.

Comp. Smythe proposed the following amendments to the Constitution:

Resolved, That Section 3 of the Miscellaneous Provisions of the Constitution be amended, by inserting after the words "General Grand Chapter," the words "referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and reported upon by them," so that when amended the said section will read as follows:

SEC. 3. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, unless such alteration or amendment be proposed in writing at one regular convocation of the General Grand Chapter, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and reported upon by them, published in the minutes of the Proceedings, and at the next regular convocation receive the approval of two thirds of the members present.

Resolved, That Section 3 of the Miscellaneous Provisions of the Constitution be stricken out.

MEMORIAL OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF MISSISSIPPI.

Comp. McCurdy, of the Committee on the subject of the Agreement of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, with the Grand Council of that State, in respect to the Cryptic Degrees, submitted the following report, the consideration of which, on motion of Comp. Walter, of Mississippi, was made a special order for three o'clock P. M. on Friday next.

To the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter:

Your Committee, to which was referred the petition of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Mississippi, asking that it may be authorized to take jurisdiction of the degrees of Royal and Select Master, and permit the same to be conferred by its subordinates, beg leave to report, that having carefully examined the said petition and accompanying papers, and duly considered the subject matter referred, we are of the opinion that the General Grand Chapter has no jurisdiction over said degrees, but, on the contrary, it is restricted in its recognition of degrees to those of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason, as specified in Sec. 9, of Art. 1, of the Constitution.

For these reasons we recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

All which is fraternally submitted,

HUGH McCURDY,
GARRETT D. BUCKNER,
JOHN R. HOLBROOK,
CHARLES F. ACHEY,
JAMES D. POLLARD,
CHARLES W. ROMNEY.

The General Grand Chapter, pursuant to a vote, was then called from labor to refreshment until eight o'clock, P. M., to-morrow.

THIRD DAY.—EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, Aug. 23d,) 3 o'clock, P. M.

The General Grand Chapter resumed labor, M.: E.: Elbert H. English, General Grand High Priest, presiding.

Officers, Permanent Members, and Representatives present as before.

No business offering, and for the purpose of enabling the Committees to perfect their reports, the General Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

FOURTH DAY.—Morning Session.

FRIDAY, August 24th, o'clock, A. M.

The General Grand Chapter resumed labor, M.: E.: Elbert H. English, General Grand High Priest, presiding.

Officers, Permanent Members, and Representatives present as before.

Prayer was offered by the General Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the proceedings of the sessions held on Wednesday and Thursday were read and approved.

COMMITTEE ON NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

The General Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the Special Committee to appoint a place and time for the next Triennial Convocation, as follows:

Comps. Edward S. Dana, of Vermont, William P. Innes, of Michigan, George H. Fish, of Indiana, Lorenzo D. Croninger, of Kentucky, George H. Jones, of New Jersey, Noble D. Larner, General Grand Captain of the Host, and Joe. H. Bullock, of Tennessee.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Comp. Parvin, of Iowa, offered the following resolutions, which were adopted by an unanimous vote, and ordered published in the newspapers of the city:

Resolved, By the Most Excellent General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, assembled in twenty-third Triennial Convocation, in the City of Buffalo, State of New York:

That, having enjoyed in a pre-eminent degree the royal and princely reception, welcome, and entertainment of the Royal Arch Chapters and Companions of the City of Buffalo, and of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of New York, whose constant and unremitted efforts have contributed in so large a degree to the pleasure, comfort, and social enjoyment of this Grand Body, in all its membership, during its session and the stay of its members in the Great City of the Lakes; an expression of its high appreciation of these unexampled courtesies is proper and due to all who have thus labored in this behalf.

Resolved, That the cordial and hearty thanks of this Body be and are hereby tendered to the "Committee of Arrangements," whose successful efforts to this end, like the resistless current of the mighty Niagara, have known no abatement since our first arrival in their midst:

To the Companions Royal Arch Masons of Buffalo Chapter, No. 71, Keystone Chapter, No. 163, Adytum Chapter, No. 235, and Germania Chapter, No. 256, of Buffalo:

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of New York, its officers, members, and constituent Chapters:

To the Sir Knights of LAKE ERIE COMMANDERY, No. 20, and HUGH DE PAYENS COMMANDERY, No. 30, of this City, whose knightly bearing and fraternal escort of this Body reassures us of the intimate relations existing between their illustrious Order and our Sublime Rite:

To the citizens, and all, who have spared no pains or efforts to make this session one long to be kindly remembered in the annals of the Royal Craft.

Resolved, That, as we shall go hence, we will ever recall the happy hours we have spent with our companions, friends, and the ladies of their families in this lovely city, linked as these memories will ever be with the pleasant recollections of our excursion to that mightiest of the world's wonders, Niagara, and its sublime scenery.

UNIFORMITY OF WORK.

Comp. Walter, of Mississippi, offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence:

Whereas, It is most desirable that all Chapters of Capitular Masonry throughout the world should speak the same Masonic language, and work the same Masonic work:

"Therefore be it Resolved, I. That the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, do correspond with the Grand Chapters of other nations, and solicit a conference of representatives from their Grand Bodies, to the end, if possible, that uniformity of work and lectures in Capitular Masonry may be attained.

2. Be it further Resolved, That should said convention be hereafter held, the General Grand High Priest shall appoint three companions, Royal Arch Masons, members of this General Grand Chapter, as delegates thereto.

GRAND MARK LODGE OF ENGLAND.

On motion of Comp. DRUMMOND, of Maine,

Resolved, That the matter of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, postponed until this Triennial Convocation, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

FROM A PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF TEXAS.

The following letters were presented, and ordered published with the Proceedings:

Anderson, Grimes Co., Texas, June 4, 1877.

Comp. C. G. Fox,

General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter:

I hereby acknowledge receipt of your circular notice of May 25, 1877, of the time and place of the meeting of the Twenty-third Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States.

Do me the favor, Companion, to make my plea for non-attendance; having been born September 30th, 1801, I am too frail to attend even our State Convocations. Please have me excused.

Fraternally,

G. M. PATRICK,
P.:. G.:. H.:. P.:. State of Texas.

FROM A PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF GEORGIA.

Augusta, Ga., June 5th, 1877.

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION:

I have received your circular of 25th ult., calling for attendance at the ensuing Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter.

It would give me great pleasure to meet, once more, the friends and companions of "auld lang syne," if any are left of those whom I met for the last time, twenty years ago, at Hartford. And, if they are all gone, I should be much gratified to see the generation who have arisen in their stead, but age and infirmity forbid. After living seventy-seven years, in unusual health and activity, I was prostrated, last fall, by a long, severe, and very dangerous illness, and, though fully recovered, I find my constitution shattered and my activity destroyed. I regret very much that I cannot be with you.

I doubt whether you will find any one in attendance who leads me in Masonic seniority. I am a Past High Priest of fifty years standing, though only thirty

years a Past *Grand* High Priest. I first sat in the General Grand Chapter as Grand High Priest, at Columbus, in 1847. But these things place me on the roll of veterans, and as such, I wish I could meet with you in August.

Allow me to offer to your convocation my warm fraternal greeting.

Very truly and fraternally yours,

WM. T. GOULD, 33°, *P*∴ *G*∴ *H*∴ *P*∴

CHRISTOPHER G. FOX,

General Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

Comp. Parvin, of the Committee on Grievances, presented the following report, which was received:

In General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, assembled at Buffalo:

Your Committee on Grievances respectfully report, that no case of grievance has been referred to it for consideration.

That in the knowledge of the Committee, peace, harmony, and good will prevail in all our extended borders, and that we as Royal Arch Masons are a truly "happy family," and that we are not in the least aggrieved; that we have had no work to do in this line of our labors, and fondly trust that our successors may experience the like benign influences of our Rite in drawing more together and preserving these social influences which make us all one common brother-hood in good works and good feelings.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE S. PARVIN, JAMES W. STATON, HUGH McCURDY, JAMES W. UNDERHILL, ISAAC L. JOHNSON.

ELECTION OF GENERAL GRAND OFFICERS.

The time appointed for the special order, viz. the election of officers, having arrived, the General Grand Chapter proceeded to such election—Comps. John S. Tyson, of Maryland, and Abel W. Daugherty, of Iowa, acting as tellers, and with the following result:

- Comp. John Frizzell,
 Nashville, Tenn., General Grand High Priest.
 - " ROBERT F. BOWER, Keokuk, Iowa, Deputy General Grand High Priest.
 - " ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
 Boston, Mass., General Grand King.
 - " NOBLE D. LARNER,
 Washington, D. C., General Grand Scribe.
 - " JOHN McClellan,
 Boston, Mass., General Grand Treasurer.
 - " CHRISTOPHER G. FOX,
 Buffalo, N. Y., General Grand Secretary.
 - " HENRY BOSTWICK,
 Covington Ky., General Grand Captain of the Host.
 - "DAVID F. DAY,
 Buffalo, N. Y., General Grand Royal Arch Captain.

EVENING SESSION.

On motion of Comp. Dawkins, of Florida,

Resolved, That an evening session of the General Grand Chapter be held this day at eight o'clock, for the purpose of installing the officers elect.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF G.: G.: OFFICERS.

Comp. Lewis, of the Committee on Doings of the General Grand Officers, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the General Grand Chapter of the United States:

The Standing Committee "On the Doings of the General Grand Officers," have considered the various subjects falling under their observation in the address of the M.: E.: General Grand High Priest, and the reports of his associate General Grand Officers, and which were specially referred to them, respectfully report:

It would be appropriate for the Committee to speak as its members feel, in the expression of an unqualified and hearty commendation of the acts of those several officers, and in so doing, tender to them the warmest regards of this Committee, *speaking* as the organ of this General Grand Chapter; but to do so would be faint praise—the best approbation and commendation will be found in the affirmative and approving action of this General Grand Chapter.

I. DISPENSATIONS TO NEW MEXICÓ AND WYOMING.

The address of the General Grand High Priest reports the issuing of three dispensations for new Chapters: one at Silver City, in the Territory of New Mexico; another at Evanston, in Wyoming Territory, and the third at Laramie City, in the same Territory.

We congratulate the M.: E.: General Grand High Priest, and this General Grand Chapter, upon the extension of the Royal Art into new and unexplored territory, and we cannot doubt that the gratification and effect of its noble influences have been committed to zealous and proper hands.

There were circumstances connected with the dispensation granted to New Mexico which made it a matter of great care and caution in taking official action—growing out of the anomalous condition of the Royal Craft in Texas, and which were well and wisely considered by the General Grand High Priest.

II. DISPENSATION TO DAKOTA TERRITORY.

The dispensation, granted by the R. E. General Grand King, to open a new Chapter at Yankton, in Dakota Territory, seems to have been granted upon like appropriate and commendable grounds. And it is deeply gratifying in this connection to be enabled to state that, with the ringing of the axe of the stouthearted pioneer, and the onward march of colonization and civilization, the Royal Art maintains its steady and progressive advance, and brings its blessed and benign influences to bear upon the incipient conditions of social life.

We do not find that there was any specific affirmative action of the General Grand High Priest, or his associates, which claims our notice, save the decisions of the General Grand High Priest, which come within the province of another Committee.

With congratulations upon the prosperous condition of Royal Arch Masonry, as presented in the address and reports of the General Grand Officers, the only records of their "Doings," and the judicious and impartial discharge of their duties, we deem our duties to be fully and finally discharged.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN L. LEWIS, LUTHER J. GLENN, JOHN M. PRICE, HASWELL C. CLARKE, FREDERICK C. ROBERTS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Comp. Du Val, of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the following report, which was received, and a division of the question on the consideration of the resolutions was asked for, and granted:

To the General Grand Chapter of the United States:

The undersigned, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, having had the several matters referred under advisement, beg leave to report:

Ist. In the matter of the application of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, for recognition by this General Grand Chapter, your Committee, while disapproving in general the multiplication of Grand Masonic Bodies, titles, and dignitaries, beyond the accepted system of organization, are of opinion that the peculiar circumstances of the case, and especially the status of English made Mark Master Masons, emigrating to and applying for advancement in this country, warrants exceptional legislation, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America, hereby recognizes the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, as the rightful and supreme authority over the degree of M.: M.: M.: in England and Wales, and those Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown in which no existing Grand Body claims jurisdiction over that degree.

Resolved, That the General Grand Secretary be and hereby is directed to forward an authenticated copy of this resolution to the V.: W.: Grand Secretary of said Grand Lodge.

2d. That for the proposition of Comp. Walter, of Mississippi, relative to correspondence with Grand Chapters of foreign nations, in relation to the propriety of holding a convention to secure uniformity of work in Capitular Masonry, we would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That the M.: E.: General Grand High Priest be requested to correspond with the Grand Chapters of other nations with reference to the propriety of holding a convention looking to the securing of uniformity of work in Capitular Masonry, and report his action to this General Grand Body at its next Triennial Session.

Fraternally submitted,

DARIUS A. OGDEN, ELIAS R. DU VAL, HARVEY W. WALTER, HENRY CHICKERING, EDWARD S. DANA.

The first resolution, recommending the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, being under consideration, was adopted, on a call of the yeas and nays, by the following vote:

YEAS.—The Grand Chapter of Alabama, 4 votes, Arkansas 4, Connecticut 4, District of Columbia 4, Delaware 4, Florida 4, Indiana 2, Iowa 4, Kentucky 3,

Maine 4, Massachusetts 4, Maryland 4, Mississippi 4, Ohio 4. Officers: General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, General Grand Scribe, General Grand Secretary, General Grand Captain of the Host, General Grand Royal Arch Captain, each I vote. Permanent Members: Comps. Drummond, Lee, Dawkins, Clarke, Luse, McCahan, and Holbrook, each I vote. Total, 66.

NAYS.—The Grand Chapter of California, 4 votes, Georgia 4, Illinois 1, Indiana 4, Kansas 4, Kentucky 1, Michigan 4, Missouri 4, New Jersey 4, New York 4, North Carolina 4, Tennessee 4, Wisconsin 4. Officers: Deputy General Grand High Priest 1. Permanent Members: Comps. Lewis, Austin, Barnum, Innes, Howry, and Williams, each 1 vote. Total, 53.

Pending the further consideration of the report, the General Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until three o'clock this afternoon.

FOURTH DAY—Afternoon Session,

Friday, August 24th,)
3 o'clock, P. M.

The General Grand Chapter resumed labor.

M.: E.: Elbert H. English, General Grand High Priest, presiding.

Officers, Permanent Members and Representatives present as before.

MEMORIAL OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF MISSISSIPPI.

The special order appointed for this hour, viz., the consideration of the report of the Committee on the petition of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, in respect to the Degrees of Royal and Select Master was then taken up, and, on motion of Comp. LARNER

General Grand Captain of the Host, the further consideration of the matter was postponed until the next Triennial Convocation.

FOREIGN GRAND BODIES.

The second resolution, submitted in the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, was called up, and, on motion of Comp. PIKE, of the District of Columbia, was amended, by adding thereto the following words: "and the General Grand High Priest be also requested to invite and consummate the establishment of relations of amity and correspondence with the same Grand Bodies," and, as amended, the resolution was adopted.

MEMORIAL FROM THE GRAND CHAPTER AND GRAND COUNCIL OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The following Memorial of a joint Committee of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of North Carolina, was read, and, on motion of Comp. LARNER, General Grand Captain of the Host, further action on the same was postponed until the next Triennial Convocation:

To the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America:

The undersigned, a joint Committee of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters and of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Carolina, appointed for the purpose of petitioning your rugust body, at its ensuing session, to so amend its Constitution as to allow the legrees of Royal and Select Master to be conferred under its sanction and authority, have prepared the following memorial for presentation to your body, is expressive of the sentiment of this jurisdiction:

Your petitioners, the Most Puissant Grand Council and the Most Excellent Grand Chapter aforesaid, by the joint Committee aforesaid, respectfully represent, that at the last Annual Convocation of the said Grand Bodies respectively, he opinion seemed to be unanimous on the part of the representatives that the

degrees of Royal and Select Master should be transferred to the Royal Arch Chapters, and be conferred in connection with and as a part of the Royal Arch degree.

Your petitioners would therefore fraternally represent, that the separation of the two systems above mentioned is entirely unnecessary; that such separation operates to the detriment of the whole body of Royal Arch Masons; and that they give utterance to the opinion of every intelligent Mason in their midst, when they declare the multiplication of Grand Bodies to be an unmixed evil.

In this Grand Jurisdiction the Councils are few and sparsely attended; and it is the opinion of your petitioners, that an union of the two systems will operate beneficially for Royal Arch Masonry, while the great body will in no wise be injured.

Your petitioners would therefore humbly pray that Art. 1, Sec. 9, of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter be so amended as to include in the list of degrees enumerated to be recognized and conferred under its jurisdiction, the degrees of Royal and Select Master.

Fraternally submitted by the undersigned, on behalf of the Most Puissant Grand Council, and Most Excellent Grand Chapter.

JOHN NICHOLS,
HORACE H. MUNSON,
D. W. BAIN,
CHARLES C. CLARK,
F. C. ROBERTS,
SAMUEL H. ROUNTREE.

The foregoing memorial is attested by the signature of the undersigned, and the seals of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council.

[L. S.]

D. W. BAIN,
Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder

DEGREE OF PAST MASTER.

Comp. Howry, of Mississippi, offered the following resolutions, which were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

- I. Resolved, That the Grand Chapters under this jurisdiction be authorize to establish the Order of "Past Master," for the benefit of Masters elect a Lodges, and that said Order, when so established, may confer the degree of Pa Master on all Masters elect who may apply for the same as such.
- 2. Resolved, That the degrees of Mark Master and Past Master, as now conferred in the Chapters, be transposed, and that the Past Master's degree be the first, and the Mark degree be the second—thereby putting all Past Masters, vitual and actual, on an equality in their relation to the Blue Lodge and Chaptedegrees.

REPORT ON MEMORIALS OF THE DEAD.

The following report of the Committee on Memorials of the Dead was presented, and, on motion of Comp. Underhill, of Ohio, it was received and the resolutions adopted:

To the General Grand Chapter of the United States:

Your Committee on Memorials of the Dead, to which was referred that portion of the address of the General Grand High Priest relating to the decease of many eminent craftsmen in various parts of the jurisdiction, all of whom were Past Grand High Priests of their respective Grand Chapters and members of this Body, respectfully report:

Our M.: E.: General Grand High Priest has well observed, in his address, that "all honor has been paid to their memories in the respective jurisdictions where they lived, and labored, and were best known," and it now only remains for us to sincerely condole with the companions of those jurisdictions in the great loss the General Grand Chapter has sustained, equally with them, in the death of beloved and influential companions. Their greatest usefulness and their faithful services were properly recognized by their own Grand Chapters, but their hearty co-operation with us in our labors here, and their life-long devotion to the interests and principles of the Royal Art wherever practiced, merits the strongest recognition at our hands.

We respectfully submit the following resolutions, and recommend their adoption:

Resolved, That in the death of the companions named in the address of the General Grand High Priest, this General Grand Chapter has sustained a loss that words cannot fittingly describe, and bears honorable testimony to the worth, merits and virtues of the distinguished dead.

Resolved, That appropriate pages of the Proceedings of this Triennial Convocation be devoted to the memory of our deceased companions, and that copies of the Proceedings containing such pages be forwarded to their respective families.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH P. HORNER,
SMITH B. HARRINGTON,
ZEPHANIAH C. LUSE,
WILLIAM C. SWAIN,
RICHARD J. MARVIN,
REUBEN PEDEN,
ARTHUR R. H. ATKINS,
JACOB F. MYNICH.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

Comp. Bowen, of the Special Committee on Ritual, submitted the following report, which was received, and its consideration made a special order immediately following the installation of the officers, at this evening's session:

To the General Grand Chapter of the United States:

The Committee on Ritual have considered the matter referred, and beg leave to report:

As was to have been expected, differences of opinion in respect to the ritual were found to exist among the members of the Committee, but, after consultation, we are enabled to present a unanimous report.

We believe that it is essential that the means of recognition should be taught and practiced uniformly, in the several Chapters which work under charters granted by this General Grand Chapter; we therefore report, that we are prepared to make known the means of recognition as agreed upon in Committee as they should be used by those Chapters.

Respectfully submitted,

SERANUS BOWEN,
BENJAMIN F. HALLER,
ALLAN McDOWELL,
CHARLES W. ALEXANDER,
ALEXANDER THOMAS,
REES G. WILLIAMS,
CHARLES J. KRUGER,
EDWARD GOELLER,
A. T. C. PIERSON.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Comp. Bell, of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was received and the recommendations adopted:

To the General Grand Chapter of the United States:

The Committee of Finance respectfully report, that they have examined the books and accounts of the General Grand Treasurer and General Grand Secretary, and find the same correct and properly vouched; by which it appears that the receipts since the last Triennial Convocation were:

Dues for exaltations in subordinate Chapters under the	
jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter,	\$484 00
Dispensations for new Chapters,	
Interest,	
Annual contributions of Grand Chapters,	
And the expenses were:	\$3,707 06
Salaries,	\$4,826 12
Amount on hand at the last Triennial Convocation,	
Amount now in hands of the General Grand Treasurer,	1,945 73
The necessity for economy in our expenditures is evident.	
Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following:	
I. Ordered, That the following sums be paid for the expenses Grand Officers attending this Triennial Convocation:	of the General
Comp. Elbert H. English, G.: G.: H.: P.:	\$107 .00
" John Frizzell, D.: G.: G.: H.: P.:	
" Robert F. Bower, . G.: G.: K.:	•
" Alfred F. Chapman, G.: G.: S.:	
" John McClellan, G. G.: Treas	
" Noble D. Larner, G.: G.: C.: H.:	
" Henry Bostwick, . G.: G.: R.: A.: C.: .	
" John B. Hunter, G.: G.: Sentinel,	•
John B. Hunter, G Gentiner,	
	\$502 00
II. Ordered, That the following sums be paid for the expense mittee on Revision of the Constitution:	es of the Com-
Comp. Josiah H. Drummond,	. \$53 00
" Augustine T. Smythe,	110 00
" Zephaniah C. Luse, ,	
	\$229 00
III. Ordered, That the following sums be paid for the purpose	es named:
Messrs. Young, Lockwood & Co., printing for General Gran	d
Secretary's Office,	. \$47 58.
Messrs. Young, Lockwood & Co., printing for this Triennia	al
Convocation,	122 00
Comp. John L. Lewis, for expenses as General Grand Hig	rh
High Priest, 1865-8,	. 126 00
Christopher G. Fox, General Grand Secretary, incidental ex	ζ-
penses,	56 2 0
	\$35I 78
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IV. Ordered, That the sum of \$50 be appropriated for the incidental expenses of the General Grand High Priest for the ensuing term.

Resolved, That the General Grand Secretary be authorized to publish three thousand copies of the Proceedings of this Triennial Convocation, and distribute the same in the usual manner, including one copy to each Royal Arch Chapter in the United States; and that he be empowered to draw an order on the General Grand Treasurer to pay for the printing and distribution of the same.

Resolved, That the several State Grand Chapters be requested to make the contribution heretofore requested, on or before the first day of July in each year.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. BELL, HENRY M. AIKEN, WM. WALLACE LEE, HENRY H. KNAPP, JAMES E. COBB.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

Comp. Drummond, of the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following report, which was received, ordered printed, and its consideration postponed until nine o'clock to-morrow morning:

To the General Grand Chapter:

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence have considered the various matters referred to them, and submit the following report:

I. DECISIONS OF GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

They have arrived at the following conclusions, and recommend that they be adopted:

- 1. It is not legally necessary, that the first three officers named in a charter should be those named in the dispensation.
- 2. Under the regulations of the General Grand Chapter, companions receiving the Royal Arch Degree in one of its Chapters U.:. D.:., are members thereof, and they, as well as affiliated members, are eligible to be named in the charter as officers.
- 3. The decision of the M.: E.: General Grand High Priest of Case No. 2 is affirmed.
- 4. An Irish Royal Arch Mason, who has never received the Most Excellent Master's degree, cannot be allowed to visit any Chapter under this jurisdiction until he receives that degree, which any Chapter, without regard to his residence, may confer upon him.
- 5. Such a Royal Arch Mason, after being so healed, and producing a dimit from his Chapter in Ireland, may be admitted a member of a Chapter in New Jersey, while residing in Pennsylvania.

- 6. Upon the organization of a new Grand Chapter, the subordinates may continue to work under their old charters, or take out new ones, as the Grand Chapter may decide.
- 7. The decisions of the M.: E.: General Grand High Priest, in Cases No. 5 and No. 6, are affirmed.
- 8. Under previous decisions of the General Grand Chapter, the two decisions of the M.: E.: General Grand High Priest under Case No. 7, and his decision of Case No. 8, are correct, and should be affirmed accordingly.
- 9. Upon the first two points of Case No. 9 the majority of the Committee are of opinion, that the law, as established by the general custom and usage in the jurisdiction, is not in accordance with the decision of the M.:. E.:. General Grand High Priest, and therefore do not affirm the same.

From this conclusion the chairman and Comp. PIKE dissent, holding that nine members must be present for opening the Chapter, or transacting any business whatever.

- 10. It is contrary to the landmarks to excuse a member from voting upon a petition for the degrees.
- 11. In Case No. 10 the parties interested appeared before the Committee, introduced evidence, and were heard; and the Committee report:

That the action of YORK CHAPTER, in the conferring of the degrees upon Comp. Sprague, was upon sufficient evidence to warrant their conclusion that he was a resident of Illinois, and that therefore the degrees were lawfully conferred, with all the legal consequences.

12. A Chapter has the right to appear at a funeral conducted by a Lodge of Master Masons, when so invited, taking such position in the procession as may be assigned to it by those having charge.

II. THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS.

There can be no doubt of the correctness of the position of the General Grand High Priest, that the Grand Chapter of Texas has no jurisdiction outside of that State, in the United States of America.

And considering that the Grand Chapter of Texas was created by authority, and for many years was a constituent, of this General Grand Chapter, and thus acknowledged its territorial jurisdiction, your Committee have full confidence that our Texas companions upon further consideration will come to the conclusion, that even if they claim to be outside of the General Grand Chapter they cannot properly claim jurisdiction in territory which they have heretofore conceded was the exclusive jurisdiction of this General Grand Body; and we fraternally suggest that they reconsider the matter, unless indeed they adopt the better course of relinquishing their claim that they are not already with us as our companions and peers.

III. COMP. CHAPMAN'S RESOLUTION.

As the General Grand Chapter cannot adopt a resolution binding it at its next Convocation, without incorporating it into the Constitution, and as that

cannot be done at this session, the committee recommend that no action be taken thereon.

IV. SILVER CITY CHAPTER.

When a dispensation is asked for a new Chapter, the officer granting the dispensation has the power to determine whether the proposed location is "within a reasonable distance of another Chapter," so that its recommendation is required under Section 6 of Article II of the Constitution; and his determination upon this point is conclusive.

V. COMP. HOWRY'S RESOLUTION.

The committee are of the opinion that the order of the degrees cannot be changed without an amendment to the Constitution.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, ALBERT PIKE,
J. Q. A. FELLOWS,
DAVID F. DAY,
AUGUSTINE T. SMYTHE,
REUBEN C. LEMMON,
HORACE S. WINSLOW.

INVITATION TO VISIT THE CITY AND COUNTY HALL.

The following invitation was read and accepted, and the visitation appointed to take place at the conclusion of the carriage-ride designated for this afternoon:

CITY AND COUNTY HALL, EUFFALO, August 24th, 1877.

CHARLES H. RATHBUN, Esq.,

Chairman Com. of Arrangements, &c.

DEAR SIR:—Permit me to extend an invitation through you to the GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS, to visit the City and County Hall this evening at 8 o'clock. The building will be illuminated and thrown open for inspection.

By request of the Board of Commissioners,

Yours truly,

A. P. MASON, Clerk.

The General Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock P. M.

FOURTH DAY.—Evening Session.

FRIDAY, August 24th, Nine o'clock, P. M.

The General Grand Chapter resumed labor.

M.: E.: Elbert H. English, General Grand High Priest, presiding.

Officers, Permanent Members, and Representatives present as before.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The General Grand High Priest installed the General Grand Officers elect in AMPLE FORM.

RITUAL CONSIDERED.

The General Grand Chapter then proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Ritual, made a special order for this time, and after a full illustration by Comps. Bowen and McDowell of the means of recognition recommended by the Committee for the approval of the General Grand Chapter, upon motion of Comp. Underhill, of Ohio, the subject was laid on the table.

On motion of Comp. GLENN, of Georgia,

Resolved, That the Committee on Ritual be instructed to report what number of brethren are requisite to constitute a Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

On motion of Comp. Pollard, of New York,

Resolved, That the thanks of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America be, and they are hereby, tendered to

the Hon. PHILIP BECKER, Mayor of the City of Buffalo, and his associate City Officials, for their distinguished courtesy in inviting this Body to visit the City and County Hall this evening, and for their many kind attentions while there. And that the General Grand Secretary be instructed to transmit to them an authenticated copy of this resolution.

On motion of Comp. Dana, of Vermont,

Resolved, That the thanks of this General Grand Chapter are eminently due and are hereby cordially tendered to M. E. ELBERT H. ENGLISH, for the distinguished ability and marked courtesy with which he has discharged the difficult duties of his high office; and that, in token of our further keen appreciation of his great ability in this responsible trust, the General Grand Secretary is hereby directed to procure his portrait and publish the same with the next volume of our Proceedings.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

Comp. Dawkins, of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, submitted the following report, which was received and the recommendations adopted:

To the General Grand Chapter of the United States:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations have examined the records and other matters submitted, upon the application of SILVER CITY CHAPTER, U. D. located at Silver City, Grant County, in the Territory of New Mexico, and find, that since its commencement, April 6th, 1876, under its dispensation, dated February 22, 1876, its labors have been performed in accordance with established law and usage, and that its prospects of future prosperity are good. We have also examined the proposed by-laws of said Chapter, and see no material objection to them. We therefore recommend that a Charter be granted for said Chapter as prayed for, that its by-laws be approved, and that the following companions be named as officers in said charter, to wit: Comp. John P. Risque, High Priest; Comp. Eugene Cosgrove, King, and Comp. James M. Wilson, Scribe.

Your Committee have also examined the application for a charter from Evanston Royal Arch Chapter, U. D., at Evanston, Wyoming Territory, here-tofore held under a dispensation dated April 25th, 1876, and find that the rules and regulations of the Holy Royal Arch appear to have been cautiously and studiously observed, and we think that a warranted Chapter may be planted there in safety. We therefore recommend that a charter be granted said Chapter, and that the following named companions be appointed its officers, to wit: Comp. Frank M. Foote, High Priest; Comp. Edward W. Smith, King, and Comp. Jesse Knight, Scribe.

We have also examined the records, etc., of Lebanon Royal Arch Chapter, U. D., at Laramie City, Wyoming Territory. The dispensation authorizing the organization of this Chapter was granted March 15, 1877, and, although this Chapter has been at work but a short time, it has sent up for your inspection a beautiful and interesting record with marginal notes. There being satisfactory evidence of true rule, harmony and prosperity, we recommend that the charter asked for be granted to this Chapter, and that Comp. Stephen L. Mills be named therein as High Priest; Comp. John H. Brazier, King, and Comp. William S. Phillips, Scribe, and that the by-laws prepared for said Chapter be approved.

We have also examined the records of Yankton Royal Arch Chapter, U. D. at Yankton, Dakota Territory. The dispensation for this Chapter was granted April 15th, 1876, and its first meeting was held April 24th, 1876, since when it appears to have done a reasonable amount of work, which seems to be good and square work. We recommend the approval of its by-laws, and that a charter be granted to said Chapter, and that the following companions be named therein as its officers, to wit: Comp. F. M. Ziebach, High Priest; Comp. L. D. Parmer, King, and Comp. D. T. Bramble, Scribe.

Your Committee confess that they have not examined the by-laws of these new Chapters as thoroughly as they would like to have done before recommending their approval; there appears to be a diversity in their requirements, which your Committee have had neither time nor opportunity to correct, yet, in the main, they will be found, upon examination, to be well and suitably prepared.

In the records of one or two of these new Chapters it appears that Lodges have sometimes been *declared* opened and closed. This should not be done, as every Lodge or degree has its own distinctive opening and closing ceremonies, which are the only proper avenues of entrance and exit.

We observe that in some cases the Chapter was called to refreshment until the next regular convocation—a practice that is not approved, and one that should be discontinued.

We have also discovered that, in some instances, the Chapter or Lodge was called to refreshment for the purpose of changing from one degree to another, This we regard as wrong; as the call to refreshment in one degree for the purpose of going to work on another is absurd. The old practice of dispensing and resuming labor should be adhered to in all cases.

The errors referred to, your Committee suspect, are not confined alone to these new Chapters, nor are they of sufficient magnitude to impede their work, but they are mentioned as a matter of precaution for the future.

Fraternally submitted,

DEWITT C. DAWKINS, DANIEL H. WHEELER, GEORGE SCOTT, GEORGE L. McCAHAN, MELVIN L. YOUNGS.

GRAND CHAPTER OF COLORADO RECOGNIZED.

On motion of Comp. English,

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Colorado be, and it is hereby, recognized as a regular Grand Chapter under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

The General Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

FIFTH DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, August 25th, Nine o'clock, A. M.

The General Grand Chapter resumed labor.

M.: E.: John Frizzell, General Grand High Priest, presiding.

Officers, Permanent Members and Representatives present as before.

The minutes of the proceedings of yesterday's session were read and approved.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Comp. Howry, of Mississippi, offered the following as a proposed amendment to the Constitution, which was received and ordered published with the Proceedings:

Resolved, That Sec. 9 of Art. 1 of the Constitution be amended by adding the following words:

"Provided, that nothing in the foregoing shall be so construed as to deny the right of the General Grand Chapter to transpose the Mark and Past Master's degrees, in the order of conferring them, in any Chapter under this jurisdiction."

INVITATION TO GRAND CHAPTERS OUTSIDE THE UNION.

Comp. Pike, of the District of Columbia, offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved. That the General Grand High Priest be requested to address a communication to the M.: E.: Grand Chapters of Virginia and West Virginia, fraternally and cordially inviting them, as their mode of work is substantially the same as that of their sister Grand Chapters, to enroll themselves as constituents of the General Grand Chapter; and to the M.: E.: Grand Chapters of Rhode Island and Texas, specially inviting them to be represented at our next Triennial Convocation.

ACTION ON REPORT ON JURISPRUDENCE.

On motion of Comp. Walter, of Mississippi, the General Grand Chapter then proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Comp. Haller, of Tennessee, moved to substitute the following for the ninth conclusion of the Committee, viz:

"For all purposes, except opening and closing a Chapter and conferring degrees, nine members of the Chapter are necessary to constitute a quorum."

Which motion was adopted, on a call of the yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS. — The Grand Chapter of Alabama 4 votes, District of Columbia 4, Indiana 4, Kansas 4, Kentucky 3, Maine 4, Massachusetts 4, Maryland 4, Minnesota 4, Mississippi 4, Nebraska 4, New Jersey 4, North Carolina 4, South Carolina 4, Tennessee 4, Wisconsin 4. Officers: General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, General Grand Scribe, General Grand Treasurer, each I vote. Permanent Members: Comps. Drummond, Pike, Thomas, Price, McCahan, Howry, Wheeler, and Smythe, each I vote. Total 76.

NAYS.—The Grand Chapter of Arkansas 4 votes, California 4, Connecticut 4, Delaware 4, Georgia 4, Illinois 4, Kentucky I, Missouri 4, New Hampshire 4, New York 4, Ohio 3. Officers: General Grand Secretary, General Grand Captain of the Host, General Grand Royal Arch Captain, each I vote. Permanent Members: Comps. Lewis, Barnum, Lee, Bell, and Holbrook, each I vote. Total 48.

And, as thus amended, the report of the Committee was adopted.

IN REGARD TO ENTERTAINMENTS.

Comp. DRUMMOND, of Maine, offered the following:

Resolved, That whereas the General Grand Chapter is averse to laying burdens upon the companions of the place in which it may meet, it hereby requests that no arrangements be made for any festivities or excursions at its next convocation.

Which said resolution was rejected, by the following vote, on a call of the yeas and nays:

YEAS.—The Grand Chapter of Alabama, 4 votes, California 4, Delaware 4, Georgia 4, Indiana 4, Maine 4, New Hampshire 4, South Carolina 4. Officers: General Grand High Priest, General Grand Treasurer, each I vote. Permanent Members: Comps. Drummond, Barnum, Thomas, Fish, Bell, and Smythe, each I vote. Total, 40.

NAYS.—The Grand Chapter of Arkansas, 4 votes, Connecticut 4, District of Columbia 4, Florida 4, Kansas 4, Kentucky 4, Massachusetts 4, Mississippi 4, Missouri 4, North Carolina 4, Ohio 4, Tennessee 4. Officers: Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, General Grand Scribe, General Grand Secretary, General Grand Captain of the Host, General Grand Royal Arch Captain, each I vote. Permanent Members: Comps. Pike, Lee, Dawkins, Price, and Holbrook, each I vote. Total, 59.

THE ROYAL ARCH CIPHER.

On motion of Comp. PIKE, of the District of Columbia,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed, to report to the General Grand High Priest a Royal Arch Cipher for the use of this jurisdiction.

Comps. Pike, Drummond and English, were appointed as such Committee.

MAIMED CANDIDATES.

Comp. Underhill, of Ohio, offered the following, which, on motion of Comp. Thomas, of Indiana, was laid on the table:

Resolved, That the extent of the physical disability, which shall constitute a disqualification from receiving the degrees of the Chapter, be left to the determination of the Grand Chapters.

AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION.

Comp. ALEXANDER, of North Carolina, offered the following, which, on motion of Comp. Cobb, of Alabama, was laid on the table:

Resolved, That the action by which the resolution proposing the repeal of Sec. 3 of the Miscellaneous Provisions of the Constitution was laid over until the next Triennial Convocation, be reconsidered.

Comp. CHAPMAN, General Grand King, offered the following, as a proposed amendment to the Constitution, which was received and ordered printed with the Proceedings:

Resolved, That there be added to the Miscellaneous Provisions of the Constitution the following:

"After the General Grand Chapter of the United States shall have been duly opened at any Triennial Convocation, it will not be in order to adjourn, without unanimous consent, to participate in any hospitalities tendered by the local Craft, during the hours of business fixed by the General Grand Chapter, until said business shall have been concluded."

REPORT ON THE RITUAL.

Comp. GLENN, of Georgia, moved to take from the table the report of the Committee on Ritual under consideration at last evening's session, which motion was decided in the negative.

Comp. GLENN offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Ritual be requested to make an immediate report on the question as to the number of brethren required to constitute a Lodge of Mark Master Masons, referred to said Committee under instruction at the session held on last evening.

Upon due inquiry it was ascertained that a minority only of said committee was present, consequently the matter referred could not properly be considered by its members, and therefore no report on the subject was submitted as requested; but, on motion of Comp. Pike, of the District of Columbia, the following was adopted as the sense of the General Granc Chapter respecting the question pending:

Resolved, That there must be present nine Royal Arch Masons to open an of the bodies under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter; but that five may work as a Lodge of Mark Masters, seven as a Lodge of Past Masters and seven as a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters.

WALLA WALLA CHAPTER.

The General Grand Secretary called attention to the fact that the request of Walla Walla Chapter, No. 2, of Washington Territory, for permission to change its number, and the question of approval of the prepared form of Grand Chapter Reports mentioned in his report, had not been referred, and that no action had been taken in respect to either matter, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the General Grand Chapter declines to accede to the request of Walla Walla Chapter, No. 2, of Washington Territory, for permission to change the number of its warrant, pending the proposed investigation of matters affecting the organization of Seattle Chapter, No. 1, of the same Territory, and that action upon said request be postponed until the next Triennial Convocation.

FORM FOR GRAND CHAPTER REPORTS.

Resolved, That the matter of approval of the blank form of Grand Chapter Reports, as prepared by the General Grand Secretary, be referred to the Officers of the General Grand Council.

No further business appearing, the minutes of the proceedings of this morning's session were read and approved, and at one o'clock P. M., the General Grand Chapter was closed in AMPLE FORM.

JOHN FRIZZELL,

General Grand High Priest.

Attest,

CHRISTOPHER G. FOX,

General Grand Secretary.

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Note. — The Twenty-fourth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter will be held at Detroit, Mich., on Tuesday, August 24th, 1880. (See next page.)

NEXT TRIENNIAL CONVOCATION.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS, United States of America.

OFFICE OF GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST.
NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 3, 1877.

CHRISTOPHER G. FOX,

General Grand Secretary, Buffalo, N. Y.

My DEAR SIR AND COMPANION:

I am in receipt,

to-day, of the report of the Committee appointed to fix the time and place for the holding of the next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, and herewith enclose the same.

You will cause the report to be printed with the Proceedings of the late Triennial Convocation, that due notice may be given of the action of the Committee.

Fraternally,

JOHN FRIZZELL, G :: G :: H :: P ::

TO THE M.: E.: JOHN FRIZZELL,

General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States:

The undersigned, who were appointed at the session of the General Grand Chapter, held at Buffalo, N. Y., August 21, 1877, a Committee to fix the time and place for the next Triennial Meeting of the General Grand Chapter, and report their action to the General Grand High Priest, respectfully report, that they have fixed upon Detroit, Mich., as the place, and the fourth Tuesday in August, 1880, as the time, for the next Triennial Meeting of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. DANA, WM. P. INNES, GEO. H. JONES, GEO. H. FISH, JOE. H. BULLOCK, NOBLE D. LARNER, L. D. CRONINGER.

APPENDIX.





CHARLES MARSH,

PAST GENERAL GRAND SCRIBE OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,

AND PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST

OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA.

DIED AT NEVADA CITY, CALIFORNIA,

April 28th, A.: I.: 2406, A.: D.: 1876, Aged 51.

"MARK THE PERFECT MAN, AND BEHOLD THE UPRIGHT:
FOR THE END OF THAT MAN IS PEACE."



JOHN WILLIAM HARVILLE,

Past Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of California.

Died at San Francisco, March 2d, 1875, aged 50 years.

CALEB DROWN,

Past Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.

Died September 9th, 1874, aged 89.

SAMUEL RUSSELL,

Past Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Missouri.

Died at St. Joseph, December 9th, 1874, aged 60.

JOHN WALKER PAXTON,

Past Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

Died December 9th, 1874, aged 51.

JAMES VAN ZANT BLANEY,
Past Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Illinois.

Died at Chicago, December 11th, 1874, aged 54.

JOHN M. S. McCORKLE,

Past Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Kentucky.

Died at Louisville, March 5th, 1875, aged 76.

TIMOTHY CHASE,

Past Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Maine.

Died at Belfast, March 6th, 1875, aged 82.

JOHN N. McJILTON,

Past Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Maryland.

Died April 13th, 1875, aged 70.

JOHN L. YEATES,

Past Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Maryland.

Died July 24th, 1875, aged 72.

HENRY S. BAIRD,

Past Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

Died at Green Bay, April 30th, 1875, aged 75.

ERASTUS LEWIS,

Past Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

Died at Janesville, September 17th, 1875.

STEPHEN H. JOHNSON,

Past Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Mississippi.

Died June 22d, 1875.



ERASTUS W. H. ELLIS,

Past Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Indiana.

Died at Goshen, October 10th, 1876, aged 61.

SOLOMON D. BAYLESS,

Past Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Indiana.

Died May 30th, 1875, aged 61.

THOMAS WEBBER DEWEY,

Past Grand. High Priest Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

Died August 4th, 1875, aged 48.

DANIEL BALCH,

Past Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.

Died at Manchester, August 22d, 1875, aged 78.

EDWARD W. HARRINGTON,

Past Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.

Died July 11th, 1876.

GEORGE GIDDINGS,

Past Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

Died August 14th, 1875, aged 74.

JAMES EDWARD FRISBY HOLMEAD,

Past Grand High Priest Grand Chapter District of Columbia.

Died at Washington, October 19th, 1875, aged 41.



RICHARD R. REES,

Past Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Kansas.

Died at Leavenworth, Nov. 19th, 1875, aged 65.

JACOB GRAFF,

Past Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Ohio.

Died at Cincinnati, Nov. 30th, 1875, aged 73.

WENDELL THORNTON DAVIS,

Past Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.

Died December 3d, 1876, aged 58.

DAVID JONES,

Past Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Florida.

Died at Jacksonville, February 24th, 1877.

RECEPTION AND ENTERTAINMENT

OF

THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

RECEPTION BY THE ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF BUFFALO.

Agreeably to appointment the Royal Arch Masons of the City assembled at Masonic Hall, N. E. corner of Washington and North Division streets, on Tuesday, August 21st, 1877, for the purpose of according a Public Reception and Welcome to the officers and members of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, prior to the opening of the Twenty-third Triennial Convocation.

At nine o'clock, A. M., a procession was formed, under the direction of Comp. WILLIAM F. ROGERS, Marshal, and Comps. WILLIAM S. BULL, and JOHN C. GRAVES, Assistant Marshals, in the following order:

A Detachment of the City Police.

Union Cornet Band.

Lake Erie Commandery, No. 20, Knights Templar, E.: Albert Jones, Commander.

Hugh de Payens Commandery, No. 30, Knights Templar, E.: Christopher G. Fox, Commander.

Germania Chapter, No. 256, Comp. Sebastian C. Kiene, H.: P.:

Adytum Chapter, No. 235, Comp. John Pease, Jr., H.: P.:

Keystone Chapter, No. 163, Comp. John C. Graves, H.: P.:

Buffalo Chapter, No. 71, Comp. Charles H. Rathbun, H.: P.: The procession moved through North Division and Main streets, to the Tifft House, the headquarters of the General Grand Chapter, where a marching salute was given to M.: E.: Elbert H. English, General Grand High Priest, as the column passed, the carriages containing the members of the General Grand Chapter falling in the rear.

The route of the procession was as follows: Up Main street to Tupper street; through Tupper street to Delaware avenue; down Delaware avenue to Niagara street; down Niagara street to Pearl street; down Pearl street to Seneca street; through Seneca street to Main street; up Main street to the Young Men's Association Building, and through the Young Men's Association Building to St. James Hall.

The members of the General Grand Chapter, Sir Knights and Companions having entered the hall, the assemblage was called to order by Comp. Charles H. Rathbun, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, upon whose announcement the following exercises took place:

- I. Overture by the Union Cornet Band.
- 2. Prayer by the Rev. L. VAN BOKKELEN, as follows:

Oh God, the Great Architect of the Universe, we adore Thy might and majesty as the Creator of all things; Thy mercy and justice as the Supreme Ruler of all mankind. We thank Thee that Thou hast brought us from darkness to light, that we may see Thee as Thou sittest in Thy Celestial Temple; bow before Thee as the Supreme High Priest of Heaven and Earth. Thy Omniscient mind knows all truth; Thy Omnipotent arm controls all power; Thy Omnipresent eye sees the recesses of every heart, while Thy beneficence covers all the world with good, and freely gives to us every blessing of mind, body and estate. Thou art the Lord that heareth prayer; therefore we draw nigh unto Thee and ask Thee to fill our hearts with Thy fear, and make our tongues prompt always to declare Thy glory. We specially invoke Thy blessing upon the work in which we are about to engage, and upon those who, in their different degrees and orders, will direct it. Give to them wisdom to discern, and fidelity to pursue that which is noble and pure. Into the hearts of all, pour that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whosoever lives is counted dead before Thee; so that cemented by brotherly love, we may discharge every duty which we owe to others, by relieving distress, caring for the sick, and providing for the widow and orphan. May the fragrance of that charity ascend as sweet incense, and be acceptable unto Thee the father of the fatherless, and the God of all mercy.

We ask Thy benediction upon the brethren and companions who have come to us from distant places. Keep them, while here, in health and safety. Go with them when they return to their homes. Ever be their protector while traveling the rugged path of life, and finally admit them with us within the vail of heaven and to the full enjoyment of life eternal.

We now commit ourselves to Thy guidance. Illuminated by Thy wisdom, influenced by Thy loving kindness, sustained by Thy power, and comforted by Thy mercy, may we so act, and so speak, that peace, charity and good will may prevail; the wants of all who are in need be relieved, and we, on the last great day, hear the joyful words, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter upon the joy of your Lord."

So mote it be. Amen.

3. Song of Welcome, by a Chorus of Royal Arch Masons:

(Words by Comp. DAVID F. DAY; Music by Prof. Louis H. Plogsted.)

As Old Niagara pours her tide,
Resistless, full and free,
Along our busy City's side,
To swell the distant sea—
So, Brethren of the Royal Art,
The chosen and the true,
We give with one united heart
Our welcome unto you.

Ye come, as came old Israel's host,
In good Josiah's time.
From Mamre's plain and Joppa's coast,
To Zion's heights sublime.
The East and West each other greet,
In words of love divine—
In peace this morn together meet
The Palm-tree and the Pine.

With eager hands and hearts that move
As moves a mighty sea,
We offer you a brother's love,
And greetings "three times three;"
From thronging streets and opening doors
The acclamation comes:
Thrice welcome to our teeming shores,
Our altars and our homes!

4. Address of Welcome, by the Hon. George W. Clinton:

Most Excellent General Grand High Priest and Members of the General Grand Chapter of the United States:

You must allow me to detain you from your momentous duties by a few words of welcome.

Freemasonry, in all its forms, can and does exist the whole world over, but it flourishes in its greatest purity and in its utmost vigor only where Christianity pervades the public sentiment and men are free. How rapid and how wholesome has been its growth, and how benign its influences, in these United States! Always accompanying and confirming free institutions, its expansion has kept pace with that of our country, and its prosperity has always been and is a true index of the condition of its people. Truly might it say "Where liberty dwells there is my country." No more decisive proof of these great truths can be adduced than may be found in the brief history of this august body. It is not for me to recount that history; but you must permit me to remind you that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, and New York, was first formed and organized at Hartford, in Connecticut, on the 26th day of January, 1798. That, at its first meeting thereafter, on the third Wednesday of September, 1798, it assumed the name of the "Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America," and that on the 9th day of January, 1806, that body, being animated by patriotism, extended its jurisdiction, and became the "General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States." What was it then?

It has scarcely exceeded the allotted span of human life, and now how glorious it is in unpretentious grandeur! It blesses every State and every Territory of this free country; it extends its scope with blessings, even to the Antipodes.

DE WITT CLINTON was one of the earliest and most earnest friends of Freemasonry in our country. He was present, as Grand High Priest of the New York Grand Chapter, at the meeting of January, 1799. He was elected General Grand High Priest on the 7th day of June, 1816, and was re-elected on the 10th day of September, 1819, and on the 15th day of September, 1826, and died while holding that office, on the 11th day of February, 1828. His service to New York and to our country, and his unwearied labors for science and humanity may be forgotten; but it is very pleasant to me to know that his devotion to Freemasonry is reverently remembered. To that remembrance, and not to any Masonic merit of my own, I owe one of the chiefest honors and greatest pleasures of my life—the honor and the pleasure of extending to you, Most Excellent General Grand High Priest, and to the members of the General Grand Chapter, as I now do upon this august occasion, the most cordial and respectful welcome of the Royal Arch Masons of Buffalo. I am only their organ, and speak only by their authority. But can you have any doubt that the Grand Chapter of the State is proud and happy to have you here? Can you, especially after the exhibition of this morning, question the joy with which the Royal Arch Masons and the Knights Templar of Buffalo welcome and do you honor, or doubt that all the good people of our fair city are proud of your presence and glad of the opportunity to pay all due courtesy to you?

Freemasonry is noble and beneficent in all its developments. The three great Orders are widely separated in their origin. They face and commemorate three great epochs in history. They are triune, but one. They all have a common corner-stone—belief in God; and are dedicated to the glory of God and the good of mankind. The Blue Lodges, in the course of time, evolved the Chapter—the Chapter the Commandery. The Knight Templar is a Christian, and looks to the last and final gift of God to man, and in him Masonry has reached its consummation, and can rise no higher.

And now it remains only for Masons of all degrees and orders to guard well the ancient landmarks, to cultivate the firmest faith in God, to love each other, and live in charity with all mankind. Masonic light is very clear and lustrous and good, and yet the Mason, like other men, moves in the uncertainty of the future, not knowing what a day or an hour may bring forth for him. But, assuredly, my brethren, the man who humbly and trustfully does believe in God, may well go on and fear no danger. He knows that his Redeemer liveth and shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and that though, after his skin, worms destroy his body, yet in his flesh shall he see God.

The Mason cannot be deluded by the sophistries of mis-called science, for he rests upon the certainty of God—the Architect of the Universe, the creator and benefactor of mankind; and so Freemasonry presents a barrier against which the waves of infidelity dash harmlessly. It justly stands high in the estimation of our people. The public buildings of our dear city have all been dedicated to their respective uses with Masonic rites.

Our good citizens do respect Freemasonry, and honor and welcome you. Our Blue Lodges and Commanderies are gladdened by your presence. Again, then, for the good people of Buffalo, and for all the Masons of Buffalo, and especially for those who have attained the Royal Arch Degree, I humbly bid you welcome. May God bless the proceedings of this convocation. May you be happy while with us, and when your honorable lives are honorably ended, may you be received into that temple not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

Hon. Elbert H. English, M.: E.: General Grand High Priest, responded as follows:

M:. E:. Sir and Companions, Sir Knights, Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are much gratified to be welcomed here, within the territorial jurisdiction of the M.: E.: Grand Chapter of the State of New York, in the cordial and complimentary terms in which you have been pleased to express such welcome.

Your Grand Chapter is among the oldest and strongest of the Royal Arch Union, numbering upon its rolls over eighteen thousand members, good and useful men, and among them many distinguished Masons and citizens.

New York was present, as you have well remarked, when the General Grand Chapter was founded, gave it support in its infancy, and has faithfully adhered to it through all of its trials, as well as in its triumphs.

Two of her illustrious sons—DE WITT CLINTON, your noble father, sir, and EDWARD LIVINGSTON—presided over its deliberations during a period of eighteen years, each one presiding three times three years. Their memories are enshrined in the hearts of all the craftsmen — monuments more durable, and more to be prized, than the marble slabs that mark their resting places.

We feel assured that the people of your great State are pleased that we are convened here, coming as we do on a peaceful mission with purpose to benefit our fellow men. New York is an empire of itself, measuring forty-seven thousand square miles of territory, occupied by four millions and a half of people—a million and a half more than the population of our whole country when our forefathers rebelled against King George, fought the memorable battles of the Revolution, and established our free institutions. In Masonry, in agriculture, in commerce, in the arts, in jurisprudence, and in statesmanship, New York has been a leading State; and her people have faithfully, and in spirit, as well as in letter, clung to the constitution ordained for a free people by our patriotic forefathers; and guarded with vigilance, under all the trying events through which our country has passed, rational liberty—which is liberty regulated by law.

We rejoice to visit, as pilgrims, the land of Kent, the father of American jurisprudence, and of Washington Irving, the father of American literature.

We are much delighted to be welcomed here by the generous Masons and citizens of Buffalo—a city sitting like a majestic Queen on the shore of your inland sea, bathing her feet in its limpid waters, crowned with laurels of lake commerce, with one hundred and fifty thousand good-looking and busy children gathered about her. I say one hundred and fifty thousand children, because in 1870 they numbered nearly one hundred and eighteen thousand, and, judging from her fruitfulness during preceding decades, I take it for granted that she has had a large increase of her family in the last seven years—and her honored and honorable Mayor, the father of all these children, may well be proud of his growing family, and deserves credit for keeping them measurably quiet during the recent disturbances. May God grant him bread to feed them bountifully in the future!

We stand uncovered, and pause with reverence, near the grave of our patriotic and lamented countryman, MILLARD FILLMORE!

We have felt that we were welcome since we reached your city. By your address, sir, so aptly and happily expressed, we are confirmed in this impression. By the presence of this goodly company—this striking array of the local Royal Craft—by the bright eyes of beautiful ladies, blooming like the flowers of my own sunny land, we are eloquently told that we are welcome. By enlivening and cheering strains of vocal and instrumental music, of surpassing melody and harmony, we are told that we are welcome. By the earnest appeals of the Reverend Minister to Heaven, and to that God whom all true Masons worship, for our protection and happiness, we are assured of our welcome. And by the nodding plumes and flashing swords of the gallant Templars, who have escorted us to this Hall, we are finally and doubly assured of courtesy and hospitality while in your City. These swords, however, do not mean war; they are but

symbols, and indicate that the gallant Templar stands ever ready to defend and protect the helpless and the innocent; but if the trumpet calls to war, these chivalric Knights would rally under their banners, and with stout hearts, and strong arms, do battle in the cause of justice, liberty, free thought and freedom of conscience.

We are here, sir, as the representatives of thirty-five State Grand Chapters, and a number of Subordinates scattered over the American Territories, and some beyond the deep seas. We also represent, in general matters, over one hundred and thirty thousand working Royal Arch Masons—men neither too indolent to be on the affiliation rolls, nor too miserly to contribute small sums for the charities of the Order.

We represent principles as old as the rivers, and as firmly fixed as the mountains in their beds—aye, principles that will endure forever; for faith is lost in sight, hope ends in fruition, but Charity, the synonym of Masonry, continues beyond the grave, through all eternity—Charity never faileth! When the angel of the last day shall place one foot on the land, and the other on the sea, and proclaim trumpet-tongued, that time shall be no more, and when the smouldering and pent-up fires that consume the heart of our fallen planet shall explode, and shiver it into atoms; and when the new earth shall again appear, clothed in verdure, Charity shall be its first inhabitant.

We represent the working men of our country. In secular matters, we work on the farms, in the shops, at the counter, at the bedside, and the bar, navigate the rivers and plow the seas; and, for the good of humanity, we work in the Lodges, Chapters, Commanderies, Councils and Consistories.

We come here, from every section of our great country, to shake hands with each other, improve ourselves in the noble art by an interchange of thoughts, by obtaining light one from another, and to consult upon such measures as may best promote the general prosperity of our institution.

LOUISIANA has come here to shake hands with MAINE; SOUTH CAROLINA has come to grasp the hand of MASSACHUSETTS; GEORGIA to embrace IOWA, and ARKANSAS to kiss CONNECTICUT. All the sisters have kissed each other at meeting, and with tearful eyes will kiss again, and say an affectionate good-by at the final parting!

We meet also to tell each other something about the States and Territories in which we live. And you will permit me to say here a few words about ARKANSAS, who has her "Lodge" in a "vast wilderness." She has fifty-two thousand one hundred and ninety-eight square miles of territory—larger than the Empire State — watered with beautiful rivers, winding onward to the sea, and causing her soil to teem with verdure and blush with flowers. Into these rivers, during her mild winters, come the wild water fowls from the frozen North, and the sporting finny tribes turn their silver sides to the warm beams of the sun. Her springs are charming, her summers not over hot, and her autumns lovely. No terrific snow storms smother her flocks or bury her people. Her products are so varied and abundant, that if she were an island in the sea, cut off from all other countries, her people would have all the resources of living and of wealth within her own borders.

But in all this large Territory and lovely climate, we have but five hundred thousand souls!—for all of our people claim to have souls. We are not of Darwin's tad-pole race. We boast of our descent, not from William the Conqueror, the Pilgrim Fathers, nor Pocahontas, but from Adam and Eve; and Prof. Huxley could not convince an Arkansas jury, by an array of storm-beaten rocks and old bones, that our first parents were myths and their Eden but a dream of some ancient fable-maker of the Orient!

You must not think, sir, that I am drumming for population. Our people made a great hue and cry for emigration, from the close of the late war down to a very recent period. But the late strikes among the dense populations of the Northern States, have rather inclined us to think that we had better close our gates, and be cautious about future admissions and affiliations.

It may be better to apportion all of our lands among our own people, and let them descend to their heirs, and such as cannot be cultivated, may be left for stock ranges and hunting grounds; so that our young men, with horse, and hound and horn may chase the nimble and bounding deer through our forests, and our young maidens wander, like nymphs in shady groves, along brooks and lakes fringed with wild flowers to deck their brows, startled never by tumultuous strikers and tramps.

But it may be, if emigrants apply for admission, we will appoint committees of inquiry, as we do in the Lodges, Chapters, &c., and admit such as come under the tongue of good report, and promise to make orderly, law-abiding citizens, and to fear God and keep his commandments. All others will be rejected.

We are struck, on visiting this region of country, with the wonderful and rapid change it has undergone. A few years before the cannon of the immortal PERRY awakened your great lake from its long slumber, and echoed in thunder tones along its wild shores, Mr. CAMPBELL, a young poet of glowing imagination, dreaming and harping in the land of the thistle, sung in this wise:

"Come, bright improvement, on the car of time, And rule the spacious world from clime to clime; Thy handmaid, Art, shall every wild explore, Trace every wave and culture every shore. On Erie's banks, where tigers steal along, And the dread Indian chants a dismal song, Where human fiends on midnight errands walk, And bathe in brains the murderous tomahawk, There shall the flocks on thymy pastures stray, And shepherds dance at summer's opening day; Each wandering genius of the lonely glen Shall start to view the glittering haunts of men, And silent watch, on woodland heights around, The village curfew as it tolls profound."

Here were two pictures in the fancy of the poet—the actual and the prophetic. In the *first*, the Indians, who in the estimation of the poet were not a very amiable people, and the *tigers*, of whom he seems also to have had a bad opinion, were the occupants of the uncultured shores and forests of your lake. (The *tigers* were such, perhaps, as we have in the jungles of my State, the *panther* and the *wild-cat*.)

The *second* picture was a pastoral scene in the prospective — flocks pasturing on the green, and their keepers dancing with the blushing Aurora at the peep of day; a village, a tiny steepled church, with curfew bell to call the shepherds and their bleating herds homeward at the twilight hour.

Could the poet be now aroused from his long sleep, placed upon one of his woodland heights, or the tower of your beautiful court house, and caused to look over the lake and its shores, what would he behold? His Indians are gonegone further on toward the sunset, fading out like snow melting on the hillsides under the fierce rays of the sun. Gone, also, are his tigers. But where is his coming village? Is it Detroit, Toledo, Sandusky, Cleveland, or BUFFALO? Where is the little church with its curfew? Hark! in the hush of the Sabbath morn to the thunder tones of the bells! the bells! the bells! calling the thronged multitudes to worship in their great temples, whose glittering spires pierce the clouds. Where are the thymy pastures, and the dancing shepherds? The jig is over with the shepherds! And lowing herds and bleating flocks feed on fields cultured with machinery, from which are harvested the grain that fills the hulls of the great ships that plow the waves of your lake under the impulse of steam. And the wood nymphs have given place to maidens of flesh and blood, more fascinating to a live practical man than the creations of the poet's fancy. vision of the poet has been spoiled by the rapid strides of modern civilization; and in this march Buffalo, with her busy multitudes, moving with the power of steam, and guided by the developments of the arts and sciences, is pushing her way to the front. We accept her tendered hospitality, and bid her Godspeed in her onward and triumphant march.

- 2. Selection by the Union Cornet Band.
- 6. Benediction by the Rev. L. J. FLETCHER.

Supreme Architect of the Universe, our God and our Father! we thank Thee now, at the close of this service, for the Institution in the name and interests of which we have spent this hour of welcome. We thank Thee for the mystic tie by which Masonry is characterized; for the principles on which it rests; for the spirit of its potential ministries; for the light that fills its temples, and the jewels that shine upon and around its altars.

We thank Thee for the sublime instruction of its ancient Grand Masters, High Priests and Kings; for the many illustrious men who have studied its symbols and delighted in its mysteries, and for its triumphant march along the ages and among the nations.

We pray Thee to command Thy blessing upon its present and future work. Bless the Grand Orders that are represented in this Convocation; and may the object which has brought so many true men and high Masons, from different parts of our Union, to take council with each other, be fully realized.

Heavenly Father! wilt thou smile on all their deliberations; let their hearts turn to Thee as the flowers to the sunlight; and may the grace of the Great Master of Assemblies, the love of the Infinite Father, and the divine energy of the Holy Spirit, be and abide with them, and with all true men and Masons, henceforth and for evermore. Amen.

COMPLIMENTS

OF

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF NEW YORK.

Agreeably to the invitation tendered them by the Committee of the Grand Chapter of New York, the members of the General Grand Chapter and other guests assembled at the Tifft House, on Wednesday evening, August 22d, and at eight o'clock were ushered into the dining-room, which was appropriately and handsomely decorated for the occasion, where a sumptuous and elegant banquet was prepared at the instance of, and given by, the Grand Chapter of New York, in honor of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America.

Comp. George Van Vliet, Grand High Priest, presided, assisted by Comps. David F. Dav, Deputy Grand High Priest, James D. Pollard, Grand King, and Richard H. Huntington, Grand Scribe, in their proper stations.

Grace was said by Comp. Rev. L. J. FLETCHER, of Buffalo, ample justice was done to the bountiful spread, and, after the removal of the cloth, the regular toasts were given in the following order, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music rendered by a Masonic Quartette and the Union Cornet Band:

"The Most Excellent, the General Grand High Priest, Comp. ELBERT H. ENGLISH."

Response by Comp. ELIAS R. DU VAL, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, in the absence of Comp. English, who was unable to be present on account of illness.

"The prosperity of the General Grand Chapter of the United States."

Response by Comp. JOHN FRIZZELL, of Tennessee, Deputy General Grand High Priest.

"The Past Grand Officers of the General Grand Chapter of the United States."

Response by Comp. John L. Lewis, of New York, Past General Grand High Priest.

"The love we bear our Companions of the Northeastern portion of the jurisdiction."

Response by Comp. Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine.

"Our Companions of the Southeast."

Response by Comp. Augustine T. Smythe, of South Carolina.

"Our Companions of the Northwest."

Response by Comp. ZEPHANIAH C. LUSE, of Iowa.

"Our Companions of the Southwest."

Response by Comp. Joseph P. Hornor, of Louisiana.

"The health of our Companions of the Royal Arch throughout the world."

Response by Comp. Albert Pike, of the District of Columbia.

Comps. EZRA S. BARNUM and DARIUS A. OGDEN, of New York, were called upon, and responded to sentiments suggested by the regular toasts of the evening; and, at midnight, after a season of much enjoyment, the banquet was closed, and the companions separated well pleased with their evening's entertainment.

EXCURSION TO NIAGARA FALLS.

On Thursday, August 23d, at nine o'clock A. M., in compliance with an invitation from the Committee of Arrangements of the Royal Arch Chapters of Buffalo, the members of the General Grand Chapter were conveyed to Niagara Falls, via the New York Central Railroad, where the day was most agreeably spent in visiting the various points of interest—Prospect Park and its Railway, the Suspension Bridges, Goat and Luna Islands, the Three Sisters, the Whirlpool Rapids, and other places of note. Dinner was provided at the International Hotel; and at six o'clock the excursionists returned to Buffalo, amply repaid for their brief visit to one of the most remarkable, beautiful, and interesting localities of the world.

CARRIAGE RIDE AND VISIT TO THE CITY HALL.

On the afternoon of Friday, August 24th, the members of the General Grand Chapter were taken in carriages through the principal Avenues and the various Parks of the City. A bountiful lunch was spread at the Refectory on the Parade; and, at nightfall, the companions returned to town and visited the City and County Hall, illuminated for the occasion by the courtesy of the Commissioners of After some time spent in examining its the Building. various and elegant apartments the companions were assembled in the Common Council Chamber, where they were presented to His Honor MAYOR BECKER, who delivered a brief address, to which a fitting response was made by Comp. English, General Grand High Priest, and, after the interchange of civilities incident to such occasions, the companions returned to their respective quarters.

LIST OF MEMBERS

PRESENT AT THE

Twenty-third Triennial Convocation,

At Buffalo, N. Y., August, 1877.

Achey, Charles F	Baltimore, Md.
Aiken, Henry M	Knoxville, Tenn.
Alexander, Charles W	Charlotte, N. C.
Atkins, Arthur R. H	Chicago, Ill.
Austin, James M	New York City.
Barnum, Ezra S	Utica, N.Y.
Bell, John J	Exeter, N. H.
Bostwick, Henry	Covington, Ky.
Bowen, Seranus	New York City.
Bower, Robert F	Keokuk, Iowa.
Brown, Peleg	Mobile, Ala.
Buckner, Garrett D	Lexington, Ky.
Bullock, Joe H	Paris, Tenn.
Burditt, Alfred A	Clinton, Mass.
Burrows, Lansing	Newark, N. J.
Byington, Dwight	Leavenworth, Kan.
Chapman, Alfred F	Boston, Mass.
Chickering, Henry	Pittsfield, Mass.
Clarke, Haswell C	Kankakee, Ill.
Cobb, James E	Tuskegee, Ala.
Cobb, Lloyd M	Norwich, Conn.
Collins, Martin	St. Louis, Mo.
Cooley, George W	Minneapolis W., Minn.
Croninger, Lorenzo D	Covington, Ky.
Dana, Edward S	New Haven, Vt.
Daugherty, Abel W	Dubuque, Iowa.
Dawkins, DeWitt C	Jacksonville, Fla.
Day, David F	Buffalo, N.Y.
Drummond, Josiah H	Portland, Me.
DuVal, Elias R	Fort Smith, Ark.
Ells, C. Stewart	Davenport, Iowa.

English, Elbert H		•									Little Rock, Ark.
Fellows, John Q. A.											. New Orleans, La.
Fish, George H								٠			Evansville, Ind.
Fox, Christopher G.											. Buffalo, N. V.
Frizzell, John	,	,									Nashville Tenn
Gaddess, Thomas A.	•										. Washington D C
Goeller, Edward .											Newark, N. J.
Glenn, Luther J.	•									•	Atlanta Ca
Haller, Benjamin F.							Ť				Memphic Tenn
Harrington, Smith B.						·		•		•	Medford Mass
Holbrook, John R.				•	·		•		•	•	Portsmouth M II
Hornor, Joseph P.			·	•		•		•		•	Now Orleans J
Howry, James M		•		•	•		•		•		Orford Miss
Hunter, John B.	•		•	•		•		i		•	Oxiora, Miss.
Huntington Richard F	-T	٠		•	•		•		•		. Bunaio, N. Y.
Huntington, Richard I Innes, William P.	1.		•	•		•		•		•	Adams, N. Y.
Iohnson Isaac I		•	•		•		•		•		
Johnson, Isaac L	•		•	•		•		•		•	Washington, D. C.
Johnson, Simeon S		•	•	•	٠		•		•		. Jeffersonville, Ind.
Jones, George H	•		•	•		•		•		•	Phillipsburg, N. J.
Jones, George R		•	•		•		•		•		Jacksonville, Fla.
Knapp, Henry H.	•		•	٠		•		•		•	Napa, Cal.
Kruger, Charles J.		•	•	•			•		•		Grand Rapids, Mich
Larner, Noble D.	•		•	•		•		•		•	Washington, D. C.
Lee, Wm. Wallace .		•	•	•	٠		•		•		West Meriden, Conn
Lemmon, Reuben C.	•		•	•				•		•	Toledo, O.
Lewis, John L		•	•		·		•		•		Penn Yan, N. Y.
Libbey, Oliver .										•	Green Bay, Wis.
Long, Thomas B.			•		•		•		•		Terre Haute, Ind.
Luse, Zephaniah C.	•			•						•	Iowa City, Iowa.
McCahan, George L		•									Baltimore, Md.
McClellan, John .										•	Boston, Mass.
McConihe, Luther .		•									Jacksonville, Fla.
McCoy, Joseph S											Washington, D. C.
McCurdy, Hugh									•		Corunna, Mich.
McDowell, Allan, .						١.					St. Louis, Mo.
Marvin, Richard J											Hastings, Minn.
Muller, Darius H											Buffalo, N. Y.
Mynich, Jacob F.											Wilmington, Del.
Norton, Samuel H.											Pontiac Mich
Ogden, Darius A											Penn Yan, N. V.
Oppelt, Edmund J.											Baltimore, Md.
Osgoodby, George M.											Nunda, N. V.
Parvin, Theodore S.											.
Peden, Reuben											Knightstown Ind
Perry, Robert J.	•										Key West, Fla.
Pierson, Azariah T. C.											St Paul Minn
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Pike, Albert .							Washington, D. C.
Pollard, James D							
Price, John M							
Ring, Jr., Fred.							
Roberts, Frederick C.							Newbern, N. C.
Romney, Charles W.							Boston, Mass.
Root, Jr., Oren .							
Scott, George							Paterson, N. J.
Sheldon, Silas E.							Topeka, Kan.
Smythe, Augustine T.							Charleston, S. C.
Spaulding, David C.							Lyons, Mich.
Stanton, Irving W							Pueblo, Col.
Staton, James W.							Brooksville, Ky.
Swain, William C							Milwaukee, Wis.
Thomas, Alexander							Terre Haute, Ind.
Tyson, John S.							Baltimore, Md.
Underhill, John W.							Canton, O.
Van Vliet, George .							New York City.
Walter, Harvey W.							Holly Springs, Miss.
Warren, Edwin F							Nebraska City, Neb.
Waugh, Dwight .							Stamford, Conn.
Wheeler, Daniel H.			٠				Plattsmouth, Neb.
Williams, Rees G.							Utica, N. Y.
Winslow, Horace S.							Newton, Iowa.
Youngs, Melvin L.							Milwaukee, Wis.

ANNUAL CONVOCATIONS AND OFFICERS OF STATE GRAND CHAPTERS.

ANNUAL CONVOCATIONS—1874.

GRAND OFFICERS—1874-5.

GRAND SCRIBES.	L. W. Jenkins, Allenton. G.W. Laughinghouse, Forest City. Henry H. Knapp., Napa. Dwight Phelps, West Winsted. George B. Clark, Washington. David R. Hayes, Wilmington. David C. Wilson, Tallalassec. J. W. Oslin, West Point. Jas. C. McMurtry, Henderson. Simeon S. Johnson, Jeffersonville. Wm. Leffingwell Muscatine. Wm. H. Andrews, Humboldt. James B. Blue, Morganfield. William W. Leake, St. Francisville. Henry R. Taylor, Machias, Sam. B. Hildreth, Neponset. D. Claude Handy, Annapolis. Charles J. Kruger, Grand Rapids. Edgar Nash, Minneapolis. R. L. Saunders, Jackson. W. R. Stubblefield. St. Louis. Edwin F. Warren, Nebraska City. John J. Bell, Exeter. Martin M. Drohan, Jersey City. James D. Pollard, Greensboro'. Jas. W. Underhill, Canton. Thomas H. Cox, Geituate. John H. Barden, Seituate. John H. Barden, Seituate. William K. Blake, Spartanburg. Thomas O. Morris, Nashville. Wm. Bramlette, Paris. James Halloway, St. Albans.
GRAND KINGS.	James Milton, Eufaula, Geo. Thornburgh, Powhatan, John M. Browne, Vallejo, Dwight Waugh, Stamford, Allen Wall, Washington, T. Benton Craig, Wilmington, Benj. G. Alderman, Marianna, Robert M. Smith, Athens, A. R. H. Atkins, Chicago, Reuben Peden, Knightstown, Ed. E. Ainsworth, Des Moines, Dwight Byington, Leavenworth, James W. Staton, Brooksville, Jos. H. DeGrange, New Orleans, A. B. Marston, Brooksville, John A. Lee, New Bedford, Charles F. Aehey, Baltimore, John L. Mitchell,. Jackson, Samuel J. Prentiss, Hokah, B. S. Trice, Verona, C. A. G. Hastings,. Lincoln, C. N. Noteware, Carson City, A. J. Thompson,. Laconia, Edward Goeller, Jr. Newark, David F. Day, Buffalo, Donald W. Bain,. Raleigh, James B. Hovey, Marietta, F. J. Babcock,. Salem, A. H. Cushman,. Providence, B. Z. Herndon, Cokesbury, Heury M. Aiken, Knoxville, W. F. Swain, Galveston, John T. Shurtleff, Bennington,
DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	James E. Cobb, Tuskegee, John F. Hill,
GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	Myles J. Greene, Loachapoka, Sam. W. Williams, Little Rock, Wm. A. January, San Jose, Edmund Tweedy, Danbury, Noble D. Larner, Washington, George W. Stone, Wilmington, Michael Bowes, Jacksonville, Luther J. Glenn, Atlanta, W. A. J. Delancey, Centralia, George H. Fish, Evansville, Nobert F. Bower, Keokuk, John M. Price, Atchison, Joseph P. Foree, Christianburg, Joseph P. Foree, Christianburg, Joseph P. Hornor, New Orleans, H. H. Burbank, Limerick, John W. Dadmun, Winthrop, James W. Bowers, Baltimore, Silas R. Merrell, Lake City, Short W. Furnas, Brownville, John Woolverton, Trenton, Ihos. C. Cassidy, New York, Horace H. Munson, Wilmington, John Woolverton, Trenton, John Woolverton, Corvallis, John Woolverton, Corvallis, John Woolverton, Nashville, W. K. MeAlpin, Galveston, John W. Clark, Montpelier, John W. Clark, Montpelier,
DATE.	Dee. 8, Oet. 22, Oet. 22, Oet. 22, Oet. 22, Oet. 24, Oet. 29, Oet. 20, Oet.
GRAND CHAPTERS.	Alabama, Dee. Arkansas, Oet. California, Oet. California, Nov. Delaware, Jan. Florida, Jan. Georgia, Apr. Illinois, Oct. Indiana, Oct. Kansas. Oct. Kentueky, Cot. Louisiana, May Massachusetts, Dee. Maryland, Nov. Michigan, Jan. Michigan, Jan. Mississippi, Feb. Mississippi, Feb. Mississippi, Feb. Mississippi, Feb. Nov. Carolina, June Rhode Island. Sept. Oregon, June Rhode Island. Tennessee, June Rhode Island. Texas, June Wisconsin, Feb.

GRAND SCRIBES.	James Kent, Selma. C. W. Millerd, Montice.lo. N. W. Spaulding, Oakland. Francis E. Everett, Golden. Dwight Phelps, West Winsted. George A. Abbott, Washington. T. F. Hammersley, Milford. W. W. Tucker, Monticello. J. W. Oslin, West Point. John D. Hamilton, Carthage. Martin H. Rice, Indianapolis, A. D. Wetherell, Knoxville. Wm. H. Andrews, Humboldt, G. D. Buckner, Lexington. Edward H. Fay, Clinton. F. T. Faulkner, Turner. Josiah C. Fuller, Plymouth. E. L. Parker, Jr. Mt. Savage. Charles J. Kruger, Grand Rapids. A. J. Edgerton, Mantorville. William French, Manchester. John G. Davis, Beatrice. Francis E. White, Plattsmouth. John G. Davis, Beatrice. Francis E. White, Plattsmouth. John C. Davis, Beatrice. Francis E. White, Plattsmouth. John C. Davis, Beatrice. Francis E. White, Plattsmouth. John C. Davis, Akron. Jas. F. Robinson, Eugene City. George H. Jones, Phillipsburg. James D. Pollard, Seneca Falls. A. Wronski, Wilmington. Jas. F. Robinson, Eugene City. Anson Greene, Arcadia. W. G. De Saussure, Charleston. J. C. Abernathy, Rhea Springs. John Matlock, Marshall. James Halloway, St. Albans. Fred. Ring, Jr La Crosse.
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GRAND HIGH PRIESTS,	James E. Cobb, Tuskegee, Elias R. Du Val, Fort Smith, Wm. T. Reynolds, San Francisco, William N. Byers, Denver, George B. Clark, Washington, Willis Holden, Wilmington, Henry W. Long, Cotton Plant, Luther J. Glenn, Atlanta, Haswell C. Clarke, Kankakee, Lucien A. Foote, Crawfordsville, Horace S. Winslow, Newton, James A. Beattie, Louisville, Samuel J. Powell, St. Francisville, Henry L. Paine, Portland, Alfred F. Chapman, Boston, H. L. Emmons, Jr. Baltimore, John L. Mitchell, Jackson, Samuel J. Prentiss, St. Paul, John Y. Murry, Ripley, Charles F. Leavitt, Springfield, Chas. F. Goodman, Omaha, John V. Murry, Ripley, John V. Murry, Ripley, John V. Murry, Ripley, Chas. F. Goodman, Omaha, Joseph B. Chaffee, Binghamton, Thos. W. Dewey, Charlotte, Reub, C. Lemmon, Toledo, Joseph B. Chaffee, Binghamton, Thos. W. Dewey, Charlotte, Reub, C. Lemmon, Toledo, James R. Bayley, Corvallis, F. G. Jillson, Woonsocket, A. S. Currey, Trenton, W. F. Swain, Galveston, Edward S. Dana, Cornwall, Jonathan H. Evans, Platteville,
GRAND DATE.	Alabama, Dec. 7, California, Apr. 13, Colorado, May 11, Connecticut, May 11, Dis. Columbia, Dec. 31, Delaware, Jan. 20, Florida, Jan. 12, Georgia, Apr. 28, Illinois, Oct. 19, Kentucky, Oct. 18, Mane, May 4- Illinois, Oct. 18, Maine, May 4- Illinois, Oct. 18, Maine, May 4- Illinois, Oct. 18, Illinois, Oct. 28, Illinois, Il

* No Convocation in 1875.

GRAND OFFICERS—1876-7.

ANNUAL CONVOCATIONS—1876.

GRAND SCRIBES.	Wm. S. Foster, Mobile. J. H. Van Hoose, Fayetteville. N. W. Spaulding, Oakland. Andrew Sagendorf, Colorado Spr'gs. Lloyd M. Cobb, Norwich. Matthew Trimble, Washington. John T. Miller, Micanopy. J. W. Oslin, Mest Point. Sam. W. Waddle, Bloomington. Thomas B. Long, Terre Haute. NathanielWoleben, Decorah. Luther D. Jacobs, Emporia. John H. Leathers, Louisville. Edwin H. Fay, Clinton. F. T. Faulkner, Turner. Seranus Bowen, New York. Edmund J. Oppelt, Baltimore. D. C. Spaulding, Lyons. E. A. Hotchkiss, Winnebago City G. N. Dickerson, Ashland. Jeff. W. Bedford, Lexington. Kyron Teirney, Tecumseh. George Robinson, Gold Hill. Albert S. Wait, Newport. James D. Pollard, Seneca Falls. Thomas A. Green, Newbern. Daniel A. Scott, Akron. Jas. F. Robinson, Eugene City. James M. Davis, Paytucket. J. Adger Smythe, Charleston. Joe. H. Bullock, Paris. G. M. McWhirter, Belton. Wm. S. Hopkins, Vergennes. John M. Evans, Evansville.
GRAND KINGS.	Luckey W. Jenkins, Allenton, M. M. McGuire, Dardanelle, John M. Browne, Vallejo, Edward H. Collins, Denver, Dwight Phelps, West Winsted, Joseph S. McCoy, Washington, George F. Young, Wilmington, W. W. Tucker, Monticello, Robert M. Smith, Athens, Jno. D. Hamilton, Carthage, Martin H. Rice, Indianapolis, Thos. W. J. Long, Camanche, Moses S. Adams, Wichita, G. D. Buckner, Lexington, J. E. Trimble, Farmerville, Joseph M. Hayes, Bath, Chas. W. Romney, Boston, E. L. Parker, Jr. Mt. Savage, Charles J. Kruger, Grand Rapids, D. M. Baldwin, Red Wing, J. L. Finley, M. Harrisonville, John B. McCabe, Brownville, John B. McCabe, Brownville, John B. McCabe, Brownville, John B. Hyman, Goldsboro, James B. Hovey, Marietta, Frelon J. Babcock, Salem, John P. Sanborn, Newport, J. F. Du Pre, Abbeville, Benj, F. Haller, Memphis, John Adriance, Columbia, Fred. Ring, Jr. La Crosse,
DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	James Milton, Eufaula, John W. Rison, Little Rock, Henry H. Knapp, Napa, Oren H. Henry, Boulder, Boulder, Boulder, Stamford, Allen Wall, Washington, J. Thomas Budd, Middletown, Charles J. Allred, Ocala, Wm. J. Johnson, Fort Gaines, Jas. C. McMurtry, Henderson, S. S. Johnson, Topeka, James B. Blue, Morganfield, S. S. Johnson, Topeka, James B. Blue, Morganfield, Jos. H. De Grange, New Orleans, A. B. Marston, Bangor, Bangor, Bangor, Bangor, Balfred A. Burditt, Clinton, John S. Tyson, Balimore, George W. Cooley, Minneapolis, W. E. George De Lap, Natchez, W. R. Stubblefield, St. Louis, Jesse T. Davis, Carson City, John J. Bell, Exeter, Martin M. Drohan, Jersey City, George Van Vliet, New York, C. W. Alexander, Charlend, George J. Hazard, Providence, Jas. W. Underhill, Canton, John B. Congle, Portland, George J. Hazard, Providence, W. G. De Saussure, Charleston, John S. Pride, Culleoka, Wm. Bramlette, Paris, Robt. S. Southgate, Woodstock, Oliver Libbey, Green Bay,
TE. GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	5, James E. Cobb, Tuskegee, 11, Alex. G. Abell, San Francisco, 12, Irving W. Stanton, Pueblo, 13, Henry W. Coye, Rockville, 14, Isaac L. Johnson, Washington, 15, Willis Holden, Wilmington, 16, Luther J. Glenn, Atlanta, 17, John S. Driggs, Jacksonville, 18, Reuben Peden, Knightstown, 18, Reuben Peden, Rockville, 19, Junish Holden, Dewton, 10, Junish Holden, Mewton, 11, Dwight Byington, Leavenworth, 12, Samuel J. Powell, St. Francisville, 13, Harvy W. Staton, Brooksville, 14, Samuel J. Powell, St. Francisville, 15, Samuel J. Powell, St. Francisville, 16, Samuel J. Powell, St. Francisville, 17, Charles F. Achey, Baltimore, 18, William Brown, Battle Creek, 19, William Brown, Battle Creek, 10, Richard J. Marvin, Hastings, 10, Richard J. Marvin, Hastings, 11, Joseph S. Browne, St. Joseph, 12, Gewin F. Warren, Nebraska City, 13, Gewin F. Warren, Nebraska City, 14, Joseph B. Chaffee, Binghamton, 15, Gward Goeller, Newark, 17, Joseph B. Chaffee, Binghamton, 18, William K. Blake, Spartanburg, 19, William K. Blake, Spartanburg, 16, Henry M. Aiken, Knoxville, 17, William C. Swain, Milwaukee, 18, William C. Swain, Milwaukee,
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PERMANENT MEMBERS

OF

THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

PAST GENERAL GRAND OFFICERS.

Albert G. Mackey,	G. G. H. P.	1850-1865		Washington, D. C.
John L. Lewis,				Penn Yan, N. Y.
T 3	G. G. H. P.			
				New York City.
Josiah H. Drummond,	G. G. H. P.	1871–1874,		Portland, Me.
Elbert H. English, .		1874-1877,		Little Rock, Ark.
Ira A. W. Buck, .	D. G. G. H. P.	1865-1868,		Aurora, Ill.
Jno. Frizzell,	D. G. G. H. P.	1874-1877,		Nashville, Tenn.
A. T. C. Pierson,	G. G. K.			St. Paul, Minn.
William Hacker,	G. G. K.			Shelbyville, Ind.
Charles H. Ohr,	G. G. K.			Cumberland, Md.
Robert F. Bower,	G. G. K.	1874-1877,		Keokuk, Iowa.
Ezra S. Barnum,	GGS			Utica, N. Y.
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John Q. A. Fellows, .		1865–1868,	•	New Orleans, La.
Martin Collins, .	G. G. S.	1868-1871,		St. Louis, Mo.
Alfred F. Chapman, .	G. G. S.	1874-1877,		Boston, Mass.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

ALABAMA.

David Clopton,	Montgomery.	H. Clay Armstrong, Notasulga.
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George D. Norris,	Newmarket.	James E. Cobb, . Tuskegee.
Peleg Brown, .	Mobile.	

ARKANSAS.

Elbert H. English,	Little Rock.	Geo. A. Dannelly,	Searcy.
Albert Pike, .		Sam. W. Williams,	
Luke E. Barber, .		Elias R. Du Val, .	
E. H. Whitfield,	Camden.	,	

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Charles M. Radcliff, San Francisco. John W. Harville, San Francisco. John D. Creigh, . George T. Grimes, " Wm. W. Traylor, James L. English, Sacramento. Thos H. Caswell, Nevada. Jacob H. Neff, Colfax. Whiting G. West, William A. Davies, Stockton. Shasta. Adolphus Hollub, San Francisco. Wm. A. January, . San Jose. John Kirkpatrick, Wm. T. Reynolds, San Francisco. Alexander G. Abell, Isaac S. Titus, Stockton.

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John H. Barlow, Birmingham.

James L. Gould, . Bridgeport.

Charles W. Stearns, Middletown.

W. Wallace Lee, . West Meriden.

Edmund Tweedy, Danbury.

Henry W. Coye, . Rockville.

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Daniel C. Godwin, Milford. George W. Stone, Wilmington.
Allen V. Lesley, . Newcastle. Willis Holden,
John R. McFee, Georgetown.

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James G. Smith, . Washington.

Abner T. Longley, "

James Goszler, . "

John Lockie, . "

Joseph Daniels, . Washington.

Noble D. Larner, "

George B. Clark, . "

Isaac L. Johnson, "

FLORIDA.

George F. Baltzell, Marianna.

James Ellenwood, Jacksonville.

DeWitt C. Dawkins, "

William Morrill, Warrington.

Michael Bowes, . Jacksonville.

Henry W. Long, Cotton Plant.

John S. Driggs, . Jacksonville.

GEORGIA.

Samuel Lawrence, Marietta.

William T. Gould, Augusta.

Moses P. Kellogg, Newnan.

George W. Adams, Forsyth.

Luther J. Glenn, . Atlanta.

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John M. Pearson, Alton. Augustus A. Murray, Decatur. James A. Hawley, Dixon. Asa W. Blakesley, Quincy. Geo. E. Lounsbury, Mound City. Wm. A. J. Delancey, Centralia. Haswell C. Clarke, Kankakee. Arthur R. H. Atkins, Chicago.

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William Hacker, . Shelbyville. George W. Porter, New Albany. Thomas Newby, . Cambridge City. Harvey G. Hazelrigg, Lebanon. R. J. Chestnutwood, South Bend.

Eden H. Davis, . Shelbyville. Alexander Thomas, Terre Haute. George H. Fish, . Evansville. Lucien A. Foote, Crawfordsville. Reuben Peden, . Knightstown.

IOWA.

Theodore S. Parvin, Iowa City. James R. Hartsock, Enoch W. Eastman, Eldora, C. Stewart Ells, . Davenport. Wm. E. Woodward, Burlington. Louis S. Swafford, Iowa City.

H. H. Hemenway, Lansing. Pitkin C. Wright, DeWitt. Zephaniah C. Luse, Iowa City. Edward A. Guilbert, Dubuque. Robert F. Bower, Keokuk. Horace S. Winslow, Newton.

KANSAS.

John H. Brown, . Wyandotte. Owen A. Bassett, Lawrence. E. D. Hillyer,

John M. Price, . Atchison. Thos. J. Anderson, Topeka. . GrasshopperFalls Dwight Byington, Leavenworth.

KENTUCKY.

Harvey T. Wilson, Napoleon. Thomas Todd, . Shelbyville. Wm. E. Robinson, Louisville. Henry Hudson, . Jos. H. Branham, E. B. Jones, Paducah. Henry Bostwick, Covington.

John P. Rascoe, . Princeton. William Ryan, Louisville. David P. Robb, . Versailles. Joseph P. Foree, Christianburg. James A. Beattie, Louisville. James W. Staton, Brooksville.

LOUISIANA.

John Q. A. Fellows, New Orleans. Abel J. Norwood, Clinton. Henry P. Buckley, New Orleans. Samuel M. Todd,

Hugh Breen, . New Orleans. Michael E. Girard, Vermillionville. Joseph P. Hornor, New Orleans. Samuel J. Powell, St. Francisville.

MAINE.

Oliver Gerrish, . Portland.
David Burbank, Baltimore, Md.
Joseph C. Stevens, Lancaster, Mass.
Moses Dodge, . Portland.
Edw. P. Burnham, Saco.
John J. Bell, . Exeter, N. H.
Andrew J. Fuller, Bath.

J. H. Drummond, Portland.
James M. Larrabee, Gardiner.
Joseph Pearson Gill, New York City.
Stephen J. Young, Brunswick.
John W. Ballou, Bath.
Horace H. Burbank, Limerick.
Henry L. Paine, Portland.

MARYLAND.

Enoch S. Courtney, Philadelphia. Charles H. Ohr, . Cumberland. Geo. L. McCahan, Baltimore. James W. Bowers, Baltimore. H. L. Emmons, Jr. " Charles F. Achey, "

MASSACHUSETTS.

Daniel Harwood, Boston.
John McClellan, "
James Kimball, Salem.
Richard Briggs, Boston.

Henry Chickering, Pittsfield. Alfred F. Chapman, Boston. John W. Dadmun, Winthrop. Smith B.Harrington, Medford.

MICHIGAN.

S. C. Coffinbury, . Centreville.
Ebenezer Sprague, Battle Creek.
A. B. Cudworth, . Pontiac.
John P. Fiske, . Detroit.
William P. Innes, Grand Rapids.
Benjamin Porter,
Michael Shoemaker,
George C. Munro,
William L. Webber, East Saginaw.

William L. Greenly, Adrian.
Charles H. Brown,
Hugh McCurdy, . Corunna.
Leonard H. Randall, Grand Rapids.
John W. Finch, . Adrian.
Alfred I. Sawyer, Monroe.
John L. Mitchell, Jackson.
William Brown, Battle Creek.

MINNESOTA.

A. T. C. Pierson, . St. Paul.
R. S. Alden, . St. Anthony.
George W. Prescott, St. Paul.
B. F. Smith, . Mankato.
Luther Dearborn, Faribault.
Moses W. Getchell, St. Anthony.

George W. Merrill, Chatfield.
James N. Castle, Stillwater.
J. H. McKenney, Chatfield.
Silas R. Merrell, Lake City.
Samuel J. Prentiss, St. Paul.
Richard J. Marvin, Hastings.

MISSISSIPPI.

William S. Patton, Meridian.
William Cothran, Carrollton.
James M. Howry, Oxford.
Amos R. Johnston, Raymond.
Geo. T. Stainbach, Columbus.

William D. Ferris, Deasonville.
Robert B. Mayes, Yazoo City.
George R. Fearn,
John Y. Murry, Ripley.
Harvey W. Walter, Holly Springs.

MISSOURI.

William R. Penick, St. Joseph.
James Carr, Paris.
James N. Burnes, Weston.
Thomas E. Garrett, St. Louis.
Martin Collins, "
Oren Root, Jr. Salisbury.

Joseph M. Fox, . St. Louis.
James E. Carter, Jefferson City.
Xenophon Ryland, Lexington.
Rufus E. Anderson, Palmyra.
Charles F. Leavitt, Springfield.
Joseph S. Browne, St. Joseph.

NEBRASKA.

H. P. Deuel, . Omaha.

James W. Moore, Nebraska City.

Daniel H. Wheeler, Plattsmouth.

E. A. Allen, . Omaha.

Robt. R. Livingston, Plattsmouth.
Robt. W. Furnas, Brownville.
Chas. F. Goodman, Omaha.
Edwin F. Warren, Nebraska City.

NEVADA.

John Curtis Currie, Virginia City.

D. C. McKenney, Austin.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

John J. Prentiss, .
Albert R. Hatch, .
John Christie, . Portsmouth.
Theo. T. Abbott, Manchester.
Jonas Livingston, Peterborough.
Samuel L. Wilcox,
John R. Holbrook, Portsmouth.

David Parker,

Thomas E. Hatch, Keene.
Nath'l W. Cumner, Manchester.
Daniel R. Marshall, Nashua.
John A. Harris, . Concord.
Edward Gustine, Keene.
William Barrett, . Nashua.
John D. Patterson, Manchester.
And. J. Thompson, Laconia.

NEW JERSEY.

W. H. Doggett, . Bergen.
Wm. W. Goodwin, Camden.
Thomas J. Corson, Trenton.
George B. Edwards, Bergen.
John Sheville, . Chicago, Ill.
Charles M. Zeh, Newark.
J. C. G. Robertson, Paterson.
John V. Mattison, Washington.
Jesse P. Case, . Jersey City.

David S. Battey, . Newark.
M. Higginbotham, Jersey City.
Wm. H. Jefferys, . Camden.
T. H. R. Redway, New Brunswick.
W. H. McIlhanney, Elizabeth.
John Woolverton, Trenton.
Frederick G. Wiese, Bordentown.
Edward Goeller, Newark.

NEW YORK.

Ezra S. Barnum, . Utica.

John L. Lewis, Penn Yan.

John S. Perry, Troy.

James M. Austin, New York City.

Peter P. Murphy, Royalton.

George H. Thacher, Albany.

Darius A. Ogden, Penn Yan.

Horace S. Taylor, New York City.
Seymour H. Stone, Syracuse.
John W. Simons, . New York City.
Rees G. Williams, Utica.
Thomas C. Cassidy, New York City.
Joseph B. Chaffee, Binghamton.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Wm. Murdoch, Salisbury. Alfred Martin, Wilmington. John Nichols, . Raleigh. Phin. W. Fanning, Horace H. Munson, Wilmington. Morton's Store, E. F. Watson, Alamance Co. Thomas S. Kenan, Raleigh. 52 Murray street, G. B. Waterhouse, N. Y. City.

OHIO.

John M. Parks, . Hamilton.
Harvey Vinal, . Springfield.
Thomas J. Larsh, Eaton.
George Rex, . Wooster.

Charles C. Kiefer, Dayton.
J. Kelly O'Neall, Lebanon.
Reuben C. Lemmon, Toledo.

OREGON.

Salem. George A. Edes, . Portland. C. H. Lewis, Portland. Corvallis. J. C. Ainsworth, James R. Bayley, A. W. Ferguson, . Dalles City. Portland. John McCraken, . John B. Lee, Corvallis. Salem. B. F. Brown,

RHODE ISLAND.

Lyman Klapp, Providence. Woonsocket. Ariel Ballou, C. B. Manchester, Providence. Joseph Belcher, Roger W. Potter, . Newport. John Eldred, 66 Levi L. Webster, Henry C. Field, Providence. Thomas A. Doyle, Newport. Nathan H. Gould, Francello G. Jillson, Woonsocket. James Hutchison, Providence. W. T. C. Wardwell, Bristol. Oliver Johnson,

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Albert G. Mackey, Washington, D.C. Aug. T. Smythe, Charleston.

Montgomery Moses, Sumpter. William K. Blake, Spartanburg.

James A. Hoyt, Anderson.

TENNESSEE.

Humboldt. P. G. Stiver Perkins, Nashville. Wm. Maxwell, Clifton. John W. Hughes, A. M. Hughes, Columbia. Wm. H. Armstrong, Brownsville. Paris. Jona. M. Gilbert, Andrew J. Wheeler, Memphis. Sol. W. Cochran, Troy. Jos. M. Anderson, Lebanon. Robt. I. Chester, Tackson. Wilbur F. Foster, Nashville. Nashville. John Frizzell, Trenton. Paris. A. S. Currey, Jona. S. Dawson, Henry M. Aiken, Knoxville. Towns'd A. Thomas, Clarksville.

TEXAS.

E. W. Taylor, Philip C. Tucker, H. F. Gillette,	Marshall, Houston. Galveston.	J. D. Giddings, . W. G. Veal, S. S. Munger, . J. B. Jones, . Norton Moses, . H. J. McBride, W. K. McAlpin, .	Veal's Station. Houston. Corsicana. Round Rock. Tyler. Galveston.
F. B. Sexton, .	San Augustine.	W. F. Swain, .	

VERMONT.

L. B. Englesby, .	Burlington.	Edward A. Jewett,	Burlington.
Edward S. Dana,	New Haven.	John W. Clark .	-
Charles A. Miles.	Brattleboro	18.	1

WISCONSIN.

George W. Cobb,	Mineral Point.	David H. Wright,	Madison,
R. Delos Pulford,	"	A. V. H. Carpenter,	
Henry L. Palmer,	Milwaukee.	Thomas B. Tyler,	
J. H. Rountree,		Joseph Yates, .	Berlin.
M. M. Cothren, .		Chas. F. G. Collins,	
	0	Jonathan H. Evans,	Platteville.
Melvin L. Youngs,	Milwaukee.	William C. Swain,	Milwaukee.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

UNDER THE

IMMEDIATE JURISDICTION OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

DAKOTA TERRITORY.

Yankton, No. 1, Yankton, April 15, 1876, August 24, 1877.

IDAHO TERRITORY.

Idaho, No. 1, . Idaho City, September 18, 1868. Cyrus, No. 2, . . Silver City, February 14, 1870, September 20, 1871. Boise, No. 3, . Boise City, March 30, . 1870, September 20, 1871.

MONTANA TERRITORY.

Virginia City, . Virginia City, July 14, . 1866, September 18, 1868. Helena, . . December, . 1867, September 18, 1868. Deer Lodge, . . Deer Lodge City, October 10, 1874, November 25, 1874.

TERRITORY OF NEW MEXICO.

Santa Fe, No. 1, . Santa Fe, . December 11, 1865, September 18, 1868. Silver City, No. 2, Silver City, February 22, 1876, August 24, 1877.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

*Seattle, No. 1, . Seattle, . . November 1, 1869, September 20, 1871. Walla Walla, No. 2, Walla Walla, February 13, 1871, September 20, 1871.

WYOMING TERRITORY.

Wyoming, No. 1, . Cheyenne, . December 27, 1869, September 20, 1871. Evanston, No. 2, Evanston, . April 25, 1876, August 24, 1877. Lebanon, No. 3, . Laramie City, March 15, 1877, August 24, 1877.

^{*} Charter suspended, 1874.

UTAH TERRITORY.

Utah, . . . Salt Lake City, December 13, 1872, November 25, 1874.

SOUTH AMERICA.

King Cyrus, . . . Valparaiso, Chili, September 8, 1865.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

Honolulu, . . Honolulu, . June 10, . 1857, September 14, 1859.

TURKEY.

St. John's, . . . Smyrna, . . . May, . . 1863, September 18, 1868.

CHINA.

Keystone, . . Shanghai, . July 27, . 1870, September 20, 1871.

LIST OF GRAND CHAPTERS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,

AND

Addresses of Grand Secretaries.

STATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama,	Daniel Sayre,	
Arkansas,	Luke E. Barber,	Little Rock.
California,	Charles Louis Wiggin,	San Francisco.
Colorado,	Ed. C. Parmelee,	Georgetown.
Connecticut,	Jos. K. Wheeler,	Hartford.
District of Columbia, .	Charles W. Hancock, .	Washington.
Delaware,	J. P. Allmond,	Wilmington.
Florida,		Jacksonville.
Georgia,	J. Emmet Blackshear,	Macon.
Illinois,	James H. Miles,	Chicago.
Indiana,	John M. Bramwell,	Indianapolis.
Iowa,	Wm. B. Langridge,	Muscatine.
Kansas,	E. T. Carr,	Leavenworth.
Kentucky,	Joseph H. Branham, .	Louisville.
Louisiana,	Jas. C. Batchelor, M. D.,	New Orleans.
Maine,	Ira Berry,	Portland.
	Z. H. Thomas, Jr	Boston.
	William A. Wentz,	Baltimore.
Michigan,		Grand Rapids.
Minnesota,		St. Paul.
Mississippi,		Jackson.
Missouri, . , .		St. Louis.
	Wm. R. Bowen,	Omaha.
	Samuel W. Chubbuck, .	
	George P. Cleaves,	
-	Thomas J. Corson, M. D.,	
New York,		TO 00 1
North Carolina,		Raleigh.
		Troy.
Oregon,	R. P. Earhart,	Salem.
	William R. Greene,	Providence.
South Carolina,	J. E. Burke,	Charleston.
	John Frizzell,	
Texas,	Robert Brewster,	Houston.
Vermont,	W. H. S. Whitcomb,	Burlington.
Wisconsin,		

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XEV S	WHERE НЕГО.	G.: G.: High Priests.	DEPUTY G.: G.: HIGH PRIESTS.	DEPUTY G. G. G. KINGS. HIGH PRIESTS.	G.: G.: Scribes.	G.: G.: Treasurers.	G.: G.: Secretaries.	G.: G.: Chaplains.	GG Marshals.
1798 Har 1798 Mid	rtford, Ctdletown, Ct.	Ephraim Kirby	1798 Hartford, Ct Ephraim Kirby	Benj. Hurd, Jr.	Thomas S. Webb. S. T. Hosmer.	1	William Woart . A. L. Clarke William Woart . A. L. Clarke	A. L. Clarke	Gurdon Lathrop. Gurdon Lathrop.
1806 Mid 1816 New	dletown, Ct.	Ephraim Kirby *. Benj. Hurd, Jr. *. DeWitt Clinton	1799 Frovidence, N. L. Ephraim Kirby *	Denj. raura, jr Thos. S. Webb Ino. H. Lynde*	Ames*	J. Huntington . Jas. Harrison Peter Greenell	William Woart . A. L. Clarke . O. Ammidon Jonathan Nye	A. L. Clarke Jonathan Nye	John C. Ten Broeck. Jos. Huntington.
1819 Nev 1826 Nev	v York City.	DeWitt Clinton DeWitt Clinton*.	Henry Fowle* John Snow*	John Snow John L. Wilson*.	p P. Eckel*. Dean	Peter Grennell.	: :	Jonathan Nye John Haffis. Jonathan Nye David G. Cow	David G. Cowans.
1829 New 1832 Balt	v York City .	Ed. Livingston	Joel R. Poinsett.	Paul Dean	K. Stapleton K. Stapleton	Peter Grennell.	L. Chapman	Jonathan Nye	Peter Grennell, L. Chapman Jonathan Nye Amos Nourse.
1835 Was 1838 Bost	sh'gton, D.C.	Ed. Livingston* .	Joel R. Poinsett*	Paul Dean	K. Stapleton	E. A. Raymond	A. A. Raymond Charles Gilman Frederick Clark I. W. Crawford.	Frederick Clark	I. W. Crawford.
1841 New	Vork City.	Paul Dean	Jos. K. Stapleton	I. W. Crawford	Ezra S. Barnum.	E. A. Raymond	Charles Gilman	David Butler Robert Punshon	Raymond Charles Gilman Robert Punshon Nathan B. Haswell.
1847 Colu	/ Haven, Ct. ımbus, Ö	Paul Dean* Robt. P. Dunlap.	Jos. K. Stapleton Jos. K. Stapleton	I. W. Crawford* . Willis Stewart	Ezra S. Barnum	E. A. Raymond	Charles Gilman	Robert Punshon	Raymond Charles Gilman Robert Punshon Nathan B. Haswell.
1850 Bost	ton, Mass	Robt. P. Dunlap.	J. K. Stapleton*.	Willis Stewart	Thos. H. Lewis*	E. A. Raymond	Benj. B. French	Paul Dean	Nathan B. Haswell.
1856 Har	tford, Ct	Charles Gilman*.	Phil. C. Tucker*	Amos Adams*	Juo. L. Lewis	E. A. Kaymond E. A. Raymond	Benj. B. French Benj. B. French*	N. B. Haswellt.	G. H. C. Melody.;
1859 Chic	cago, III	Albert G. Mackey	Jno. L. Lewis	Ira A. W. Buck	Giles M. Hillyer*	James Penn	Sam'l G. Risk.	John McClellan	William Hacker.
1868 St. I	Jours, Mo.	James M. Austin.	Robert S. Bruns*	William Hacker.	Martin Collins	John McClellan	Jno. D. Caldwell Jno. D. Caldwell	William Hacker Isaac S. Titus	James L. Gould. Orlin H. Miner.
1871 Balt 1874 Nasl	imore, Md hville. Tenn	J. H. Drummond. Filhert H. Fnolish	Elbert H. English	Charles H. Ohr	Charles Marsh*	John McClellan	Christ'r G. Fox.	Joseph Yates	DeWitt C. Dawkins
1877 Buff	alo, N. Y.	John Frizzell	Robert F. Bower	Alf. F. Chapman.	Noble D. Larner.	John McClellan	Christ'r G. Fox.	Noble D. Larner Henry Bostwick	Noble D. Larner. John McClellan Christ'r G. Fox. Henry Bostwick David F. Day.

Office changed to "Royal Arch Captain." † Office changed to "Captain of the Host." * Dead.

CHRONOLOGICAL MEMORANDA OF IMPORTANT TRANSACTIONS.

October 24, 1797 — Preliminary meeting of three Chapters at Boston, Mass. January 24, 1798. — Organization of the "Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America."

September, 1798.—First meeting after organization for the choice of officers. January 9, 1799. — Adjourned meeting; change of name to that of "General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America." January 9, 1806.—Change of name to that of "The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America." September, 1812. was, by resolution, fixed as the time, and New York City as the place for the next septennial session.

June 6, 1816.—Held in New York City, by reason of failure to meet in 1812. Constitution changed, so as to have a Deputy General Grand High Priest.

September, 1819.—Held agreeably to adjournment.
February, 1823.—Adjournment was to Washington, District of Columbia, at this time, but not held.
September, 1826.—Met according to previous notice. Meetings made triennial.
November, 1832.—Held in this month on account of cholera in Baltimore during

November, 1832.—Held in this month on account of cholera in Baltimore during September.
September, 1862.—Appointed to meet at Memphis, Tenn., but not held on ac-

count of the war. September, 1871.—Constitution amended admitting Past Grand High Priests as Permanent Members.

November, 1874.—Constitution amended making the first four Past General Grand Officers Permanent Members.

SUMMARY OF GRAND CHAPTER

Grand Chapters.	Annual Convocation held at.	When held.	Exalted.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Dimitted.	Suspended for Non-payment of Dues only.	Suspended for Unmasonic Conduct.	Expelled.	Died.
Alabama,	Little Rock, San Francisco, Denver, Hartford, Washington, Wilmington, Jacksonville, Macon, Chicago, Indianapolis, Des Moines, Emporia, Louisville, New Orleans, Portland, Boston, Baltimore, Jackson, St. Paul, Jackson, St. Louis, Tecumseh, Virginia, Concord, Trenton, Albany, Charlotte, Put-in-Bay, Portland, Providence, Charleston, Nashville, Houston, Burlington,	Oct. 5, Apr. 11, Sept. 21, May 9, Dec. 13, Jan. 19, Jan. 11, Apr. 26, Oct. 26, Oct. 18, Oct. 17, Oct. 16, Feb. 15, May 2, Dec. 12, Nov. 13, Jan. 18, Oct. 10, Jan. 31, Oct. 5, Dec. 20, Nov. 23, May 16, Sept. 13, Feb. 1, June 5, Aug. 30, June 9, Mar. 14, Feb. 15, Nov. 16, June 7, Sept. 27,	44 294 40 177 83 13 21 129 811 418 396 115 268 63 231 483 507 148 111 287 71 56 124 229 1,226 42 504 76 78 92 121 257 111	114 10 77 12 2 10 35 103 2	7 1 5 5 1 17 5 36 6 7 4 20 · · · · 2 12 7 41 9 · · · · 2 83 · · · · · 3 19	118 141 47 125 85 140 38 187 34 87 131 17 46 38 314 10 191 13 1	115 26 103 127 9 116 850 6 269 7 111 12 66 82 8	68 233 12 34 2 1 2 7 6 6 1 4	1 1 1 1 8 11 7 114 6 7	11 19 39 2 49 16 28 124 66 25 9 71 31 45 91 20 65 37 38 21 9 31 221 9 89 10 21 10 62 65 21 33
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^{*} Two years.

REPORTS FOR THE YEAR 1876.

			Subor	RDINATES.		
Membership.	Receipts.	Expenditures.	Enrolled. Chartered. Suspended.	Restored. Represented.	Making Returns.	GRAND CHAPTERS.
1,345 839 2,781 347 3,686 1,078 304 342 1,869 0,828 4,918 4,134 1,153 3,794 1,570 3,994 9,270 1,304 7,255 1,396 2,327 4,267 667 531 2,115 2,718 8,696 842 8,579 391 1,592 948 3,579	609 05 4,550 50 311 00 816 00 681 00 184 50 335 00 2,138 45 5,865 50 2,646 30 3,457 20 1,083 95	474 68 4,151 38 244 59 1,346 56 931 55 199 81 392 20 2,048 54 6,720 77 2,531 54 2,920 41 1,218 60 4,020 72 1,234 00 1,377 40 3,048 10 1,173 85 5,445 86 1,054 40 2,803 94 3,949 99 1,000 00 825 84 669 86 1,496 61 15,338 06 357 83 2,766 15 713 81 528 07 1,249 75	66 4 47 3	. 62 . 12 . 83 . 27 . 60 . 53 . 9 . 6 . 15 . 25 . 189 . 16 . 117 . 10	2 44 27 47 7 31 8 6 9 44 156 8 3 8 0 12 9 1 28 1 42 1 68 1 3 1 95 1 1 95 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Oregon. Rhode Island. outh Carolina.
3,998 1,868 2,891	3,466 76 407 84	2,919 90 3,755 35 521 17	95 I 2	18	100 T 25 V	ermont.
3,216	2,398 60 \$79,492 81	2,416 95 82.917 49	$\begin{array}{c c} 50 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \hline 1,989 & 41 & 23 & 1 \end{array}$	-1		Visconsin.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

TO THE CONSTITUTION.

The report of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, as printed on pages 39 to 49 of the Proceedings, stands proposed as an amendment to the Constitution, pursuant to Sec. 3 of the Miscellaneous Provisions thereof.

Resolved, That Sec. 3 of the Miscellaneous Provisions of the Constitution be stricken out, and the following be inserted instead thereof:

SEC. 3. This Constitution may be altered, amended, or revised, at any Triennial Convocation, by two thirds of the votes to which the members present when the vote is taken may be entitled.

Resolved, That Sec. 3, of the Miscellaneous Provisions of the Constitution be amended, by adding thereto the following:

"Provided, however, that the amendment so proposed may be modified in any manner by the General Grand Chapter while the same is before it for consideration. No modification, however, shall be made not germain to the matter contained in the original proposed amendment."

Resolved, That Sec. 3, of the Miscellaneous Provisions of the Constitution, be amended, by inserting after the words "General Grand Chapter," the words "referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and reported upon by them," so that when amended the said section will read as follows:

SEC. 3. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, unless such alteration or amendment be proposed in writing at one regular convocation of the General Grand Chapter, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and reported upon by them, published in the minutes of the Proceedings, and at the next regular convocation receive the approval of two thirds of the members present.

Resolved, That Sec. 3 of the Miscellaneous Provisions of the Constitution be stricken out.

Resolved, That Sec. 9, of Art. 1, of the Constitution be amended, by adding the following words:

"Provided, That nothing in the foregoing shall be so construed as to deny the right of the General Grand Chapter to transpose the Mark and Past Master's degrees, in the order of conferring them, in any Chapter under this jurisdiction."

Resolved, That there be added to the Miscellaneous Provisions of the Constitution the following: "After the General Grand Chapter of the United States shall have been duly opened at any Triennial Convocation, it will not be in order to adjourn, without unanimous consent, to participate in any hospitalities tendered by the local Craft during the hours of business fixed by the General Grand Chapter, until said business shall have been concluded.

CONSTITUTION

OF

THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

OF

ROYAL ARCH MASONS,

FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

As Amended at the Twenty-third Triennial Convocation, held at Buffalo, N. Y., August, 1877.

ARTICLE I.

OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

Section 1. There shall be a General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America, which shall be holden triennially, at such time and place as shall from time to time be designated for that purpose; and at which time the General Grand Officers shall be elected by ballot and installed, except the General Grand Chaplain, who shall be appointed by the General Grand High Priest at the commencement of each Convocation of the General Grand Chapter.

The General Grand Chapter, at any regular meeting, may change the time for the next succeeding meeting; and if, in the opinion of the General Grand High Priest, or, in case of his death or absence, of the senior General Grand Officer, there shall be danger to life or health, from sickness or other local cause, by any meeting being held at the time appointed, he may change the time of the particular meeting to some subsequent time; and, in the event of such change being made, he shall immediately notify the General Grand Secretary thereof, who shall forthwith notify the other officers and members, in such manner as he may deem best calculated to effect the desired object.

SEC. 2. The General Grand Chapter has and possesses no other powers than such as are indispensably necessary to the exercise of its general powers, and consistent with the nature of the confederation between the State Grand Chapters. It can exercise no doubtful powers, nor any powers by implication merely; and all Masonic powers not hereby granted to it are reserved to the Grand and Subordinate Chapters of the several States, or to Royal Arch Masons individually.

It shall have and maintain jurisdiction over all Chapters established by itself in those States, Districts, Republics and Territories which recognize this jurisdiction, and where there is no Grand Chapter established.

It shall have power to decide all questions of Masonic law, usage and custom which may arise between any two or more Grand Chapters, or in any of the Subordinate Chapters under its own immediate jurisdiction, and all that may be referred to it for its decision by any Grand Chapter by formal vote; and its decisions so made shall be deemed and regarded as those of the supreme judicial tribunal of Royal Arch Masonry in the last resort.

It shall have no power of discipline, admonition, censure or instruction over the Grand Chapters; nor any legislative powers whatever, not hereby specially granted; nor any authority to suspend the proceedings of any State Grand Chapters; nor shall entertain any complaint against a Grand Chapter, preferred by any Subordinate Chapter or individual Mason in that jurisdiction or elsewhere; but it may, upon proper reference to it of any matter of controversy between any two or more Grand Chapters, and even where the question is not one of Masonic law, custom or usage (both or all such Grand Chapters consenting to such reference) act as final arbiter between them, and settle such controversy.

It shall judge of the qualifications of its own members. It shall see that the ancient work of the Order is preserved in the several degrees; and establish uniform formulas for installation of its own officers and those of Grand and Subordinate Chapters; for the consecration and constitution of Chapters, and the opening of Grand Chapters. And it may suspend the proceed-

ings of any Chapter under its own immediate jurisdiction, in any State, District or Territory where there is no Grand Chapter, for any willful violation of any of the provisions of this Constitution, or for gross unmasonic proceedings or conduct.

The Officers of the General Grand Chapter shall consist of a General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, General Grand Scribe, General Grand Treasurer, General Grand Secretary, General Grand Chaplain, General Grand Captain of the Host, and General Grand Royal Arch Captain. These, together with all Past General Grand High Priests, Past Deputy General Grand High Priests, Past General Grand Kings, Past General Grand Scribes, the first four officers and all Past Grand High Priests of every State Grand Chapter under this jurisdiction, or the proxies of the first four General Grand Officers, and of the first four officers of each State Grand Chapter aforesaid, shall compose the General Grand Chapter: Provided, That no member shall be entitled to more than one vote in his own right; and Provided, further, That any Chapter under this jurisdiction, in any State, District or Territory where there is no Grand Chapter duly established, shall have a right to appear by its first three officers, or any one or two of them, which officers, "or their proxies," * shall collectively have one vote; "and Provided, further, That all proxies referred to in this section shall be held only by members of the bodies they severally represent."*

SEC. 4. On all questions to be decided by the General Grand Chapter, each State Grand Chapter shall be entitled to four votes by its representative or representatives. If there be but two representatives, the inferior officer or his proxy shall give but his own single vote, and the higher or his proxy shall give the other three. If there be three representatives, the highest officer or his proxy shall give two votes, and the others or their proxies one each.

The General Grand Officers, when present, shall each have one vote; and no General Grand Officer shall be allowed to take a seat in the General Grand Chapter as the representative of any State Grand Chapter; nor shall any member of the General

^{*} Amendments adopted August, 1877.

Grand Chapter be permitted to vote as proxy, while the person giving the proxy is present; nor shall any person be admitted into the General Grand Chapter, as the representative of more than one State Grand Chapter, at one and the same time.

- SEC. 5. The General Grand High Priest and Deputy General Grand High Priest shall have authority to call a special meeting of the General Grand Chapter, whenever they may consider it expedient or necessary; and it shall be their duty so to do when properly requested by a majority of the State Grand Chapters, of which four months notice shall be given of the time and place of meeting.
- SEC. 6. The General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, and General Grand Scribe shall severally have power and authority to grant Dispensations, for a limited length of time, for new Royal Arch Chapters and Lodges of the Appendant Orders, in any State, Country, Republic or Territory in which there is not a Grand Chapter regularly established, when in their opinion the good of the Craft may require the same; which term of time shall in no case extend beyond the close of the next triennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter. But no new Chapter shall be established in any State, Country, Republic or Territory where there is a Chapter within a reasonable distance under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, without the approbation of the Chapter nearest to the place where said new Chapter is proposed to be located. And in all cases of such Dispensation, the officer who may grant the same shall immediately notify the General Grand Secretary thereof, and make report of the same at the next triennial meeting of this General Grand Chapter, when the General Grand Chapter may grant the said Chapter a Charter.
- SEC. 7. The fees for instituting a new Royal Arch Chapter, with subordinate degrees, shall be ninety dollars, and no more; and no credit shall be given for Dispensations or Charters, or for conferring the degrees, in any Chapter or Lodge under this jurisdiction. And every Chapter, holden by Dispensation or Charter under this jurisdiction, shall pay into the treasury of the General Grand Chapter the sum of two dollars for each companion therein exalted, until such time as a Grand Chapter shall be regularly established in the State, Country, Republic or

Territory in which such Subordinate Chapter is located. The Secretary shall be paid, by the petitioners, ten dollars for his services in furnishing the Charter.

The fees in the several States for conferring the several degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason shall not be less than twenty dollars.

- SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, and General Grand Scribe, to improve and perfect themselves in the sublime Arts and Work of Mark Masters, Past Masters, Most Excellent Masters, and Royal Arch Masons; to make themselves masters of the several Masonic Lectures, and Ancient Charges; to consult with each other, and with the Grand, and Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings, and Scribes of the several State Grand Chapters aforesaid, for the purpose of adopting measures suitable and proper for diffusing a knowledge of the said Lectures and Charges. And the better to accomplish this laudable object, the aforesaid officers are hereby severally authorized and empowered to visit and preside in any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and Lodge of Most Excellent Master, Mark, and Past Master Masons throughout the said States, and to give such instructions and directions as the good of the Fraternity may require—always adhering to the ancient landmarks of the Order.
- SEC. 9. The only degrees recognized by this General Grand Chapter, to be conferred in Chapters under its jurisdiction, are Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason. And no Royal Arch Mason who shall have regularly received said degrees, shall be excluded from the rights of such, by reason of his not being in possession of any other, so-called, degrees.
- SEC. 10. In all cases of the absence of an officer from any body of Masons, instituted or holden by virtue of this Constitution, the officer next in rank shall occupy his place, unless, through courtesy, or for other reasons, he should decline in favor of a Past High Priest.
- SEC. 11. In every Chapter and Lodge under the immediate jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, all questions (except the admission of members or candidates, which shall require

a unanimous ballot,) shall be considered and determined in such way and manner as such Chapters and Lodges may, all circumstances considered, find most conducive to their harmony and permanent prosperity: *Provided*, They do not in any case interfere with or infringe on the regulations of the General Grand Chapter.

- SEC. 12. The General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter shall have and keep a seal, which shall be affixed to all his communications.
- SEC. 13. Should any casualty, at any time hereafter, prevent the triennial election of officers, the several officers shall retain their respective offices until their successors are duly elected and qualified.
- SEC. 14. An appeal shall in all cases lie to the General Grand Chapter from the decision of the M. E. General Grand High Priest; but his opinion and decision shall stand as the judgment of the General Grand Chapter, unless it is otherwise determined by the concurrent vote of two-thirds of all the members present.

ARTICLE II.

OF STATE GRAND CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. The State Grand Chapters shall severally consist of a Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Captain of the Host; and likewise of the High Priests, Kings, and Scribes, for the time being, of the several Chapters over which they shall respectively preside, and of the Past Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings and Scribes, of the said Grand Chapters. And the said Grand Chapters shall have full power and authority to elect such other officers, and to establish such rules and regulations as they shall, from time to time, consider necessary and proper: *Provided*, Such regulations do not in any way interfere with the provisions of this Constitution: "*Provided*, also, That State Grand Chapters may admit to membership therein the Past High Priests of the

Subordinate Chapters in their respective jurisdictions, so long as they may continue members of such Chapters."*

- SEC. 2. The State Grand Chapters shall severally be holden once in every year, and oftener if they may consider it expedient or necessary, at such time and place as they shall respectively direct. And, at their annual meetings, the constitutional officers shall be elected, or appointed, in such manner as shall be provided for by their rules and regulations, and installed into their respective offices. And the Grand, or Deputy Grand High Priests, respectively, for the time being, may call special meetings to be holden at such times and places as they may think proper.
- SEC. 3. The several State Grand Chapters shall have the sole government and superintendence of the several Royal Arch Chapters, and Lodges of Most Excellent, Past, and Mark Master Masons, within their respective jurisdictions; to assign their limits, and to settle the controversies that may happen between them; and shall have power, under their respective seals and the signs manual of their respective Grand, or Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings, and Scribes, attested by their respective Grand Secretaries, to constitute new Chapters of Royal Arch Masons within their respective jurisdictions; but their jurisdictions shall in no case be construed to extend beyond the limits of the State, except by consent of the General Grand Chapter.
- SEC. 4. The Grand, and Deputy Grand High Priests, severally, shall have the power and authority, whenever they shall deem it expedient, during the recess of the Grand Chapter of which they are officers, to grant Letters of Dispensation, under their respective hands and private seals, to a competent number of petitioners, possessing the qualifications required by the 7th Section of the second Article of this Constitution, empowering them to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, for a certain specified term of time: *Provided*, That the said term of time shall not extend beyond the next meeting of the Grand Chapter of the State in which such Dispensation shall be granted: *And Provided*, further, That the same fees as are required by this Constitution for Charters, shall be first deposited in the hands of the Grand Secretary. And in all cases of such Dispensation,

the officer who may grant the same, shall make report thereof at the next stated meeting of the Grand Chapter of his jurisdiction, when the said Grand Chapter may either continue or recall the said Dispensation, or may grant the petitioners a Charter of Constitution. And in case such Charter shall be granted, the fees first deposited shall be credited in payment of the same. But if a Charter should not be granted, nor the Dispensation continued, the said fees shall be refunded to the petitioners, excepting only such part thereof as shall have been actually expended by means of their application.

- SEC. 5. No Dispensation or Charter shall be granted for instituting Lodges of Most Excellent, Past, or Mark Masters, independent of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.
- SEC. 6. The Grand Chapters shall have power, severally, to require from the several Chapters under their respective jurisdictions, such reasonable proportion of sums received by them for the exaltation or advancement of candidates, and such certain annual sums from their respective members, as by their ordinances or regulations shall be appointed; all which said sums or dues shall be made good, and paid annually by the said Chapters respectively over to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter under which they hold their authority, on or before the first day of the respective annual meetings of the several Grand Chapters.
- SEC. 7. No Dispensation or Charter for the institution of a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons shall be granted, except upon the petition of nine regular Royal Arch Masons; which petition shall be accompanied with a certificate from the Chapter nearest to the place where the new Chapter is intended to be opened, vouching for the moral character and Masonic abilities of the petitioners, and recommending that a Dispensation or Charter be granted them.
- SEC. 8. The Grand Secretaries of the State Grand Chapters shall, severally, make an annual communication to each other, and also to the Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, containing a list of Grand Officers, and all such other matters as may be deemed necessary for the mutual benefit and information of the said Grand Chapters. And the said Grand Secretaries shall also regularly transmit to the Secretary of the General

Grand Chapter, a copy of all their by-laws and regulations; and also a copy of their proceedings annually, to each of the officers of the General Grand Chapter; and the State Grand Chapters shall see that their Secretaries faithfully and punctually perform this duty.

SEC. 9. Whenever there shall have been three Chapters regularly instituted and consecrated in any State, Country, Republic, or Territory, by virtue of authority derived from this Constitution, a Grand Chapter shall be established, so soon as convenience and propriety may dictate: *Provided*, That the approbation of one of the first four officers of the General Grand Chapter be first obtained. And said Grand Chapters, by their regular officers, shall assemble in some suitable place, elect their officers, and make such rules and regulations for their government as may be necessary—not inconsistent with the regulations of the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 10. No person shall be permitted to take a seat in any State Grand Chapter, as the representative of more than one Chapter; nor unless he is a member of a Subordinate Chapter under that jurisdiction.

ARTICLE III.

OF THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

SECTION I. Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons throughout this jurisdiction shall have a Dispensation, as is provided in Section 6, of Article I, or Section 4, of Article II, of this Constitution, or a Charter from the General Grand Chapter, or from some Grand Chapter under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter; and no Chapter shall be deemed legal without such Dispensation or Charter; and Masonic communication, both public and private, is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Chapter, or any member of it, and any Chapter or assembly that may be so illegally formed, opened or holden, without such Charter, or any or either of their members, or any person exalted or advanced in such illegal Chapter. But nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any Chapter which was established before the adoption of the Grand Royal Arch Constitution, at Hartford, on the 27th day of January, A. D. 1798.

- SEC. 2. Whenever a Charter is issued for instituting a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, with a power in said Charter to open and hold Lodges of Most Excellent, Past, and Mark Master Masons, the High Priest, King and Scribe, for the time being, of such Chapter, shall be the Master and Wardens in said Lodges, according to seniority.
- SEC. 3. It is incumbent on the High Priest of every Chapter, as appertaining to his office, duty, and dignity, to see that the By-laws of his Chapter, as well as the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and the Regulations of the Grand Chapter, be duly observed; that all his subordinate officers perform the duties of their respective stations faithfully, and are examples of diligence and industry to their companions; that true and exact records be kept of all the proceedings of the Chapter, by the Secretary; that the Treasurer keep and render exact and just accounts of all moneys belonging to the Chapter; that regular returns be made by the Secretary annually to the Grand Chapter, of the admission of all candidates or members; and that the annual dues to the Grand Chapter be regularly and punctually paid. The Charter of his Chapter is committed to his special care and charge. He has the right and authority of calling his Chapter at pleasure, upon any emergency or occurrence which in his judgment may require their meeting, and he is to fill the chair when present. It is likewise his duty, together with his King and Scribe, to attend the regular and special meetings of the Grand Chapter, either in person or by proxy.
- SEC. 4. No person, having been a member of a Chapter, shall be admitted a member of any other Chapter under this jurisdiction, until he shall have produced a certificate from the Chapter to which he last belonged that he was in regular standing, and as such, at his own request, is dismissed and recommended.
- SEC. 5. That any worthy companion from without the jurisdiction of the United States, who may present himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produce satisfactory evidence of his having received that degree, that each and every Chapter under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter have liberty, and they are hereby authorized, to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master, on such companions, (who have not heretofore received them,) to the end that

they may be healed and thereby become regular Royal Arch Masons, free of charge.

- SEC. 6. That the Subordinate Chapter so conferring said degrees shall be exempt from paying any dues therefor.
- SEC. 7. It shall not be deemed regular for any Chapter to confer the degrees of the Chapter upon any person whose fixed place of abode is within any other State in which there is a Chapter regularly established, except by the consent of the Chapter nearest the place of residence of said applicant.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- SECTION 1. Whenever it shall be inconvenient for the General Grand Officers, or the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priests, respectively, to attend in person, to constitute a new Chapter and install the officers, they shall, severally, have power and authority to appoint some worthy High Priest, or Past High Priest, or the High Priest of the same Chapter while it was Under Dispensation, when he himself shall have been installed, to perform the necessary ceremonies.
- SEC. 2. The officers of every Chapter under this jurisdiction, whether Chartered or Under Dispensation, before they enter upon the exercise of their respective offices, and also the members of all such Chapters, and every candidate upon his admission into the same, shall take the following obligation, viz: "I, A. B., do promise and swear, that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America."
- SEC. 3. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, unless such alteration or amendment be proposed in writing at one regular meeting of the General Grand Chapter, published among the minutes of the proceedings, and at the next regular meeting receive the approval of two thirds of the members then present.



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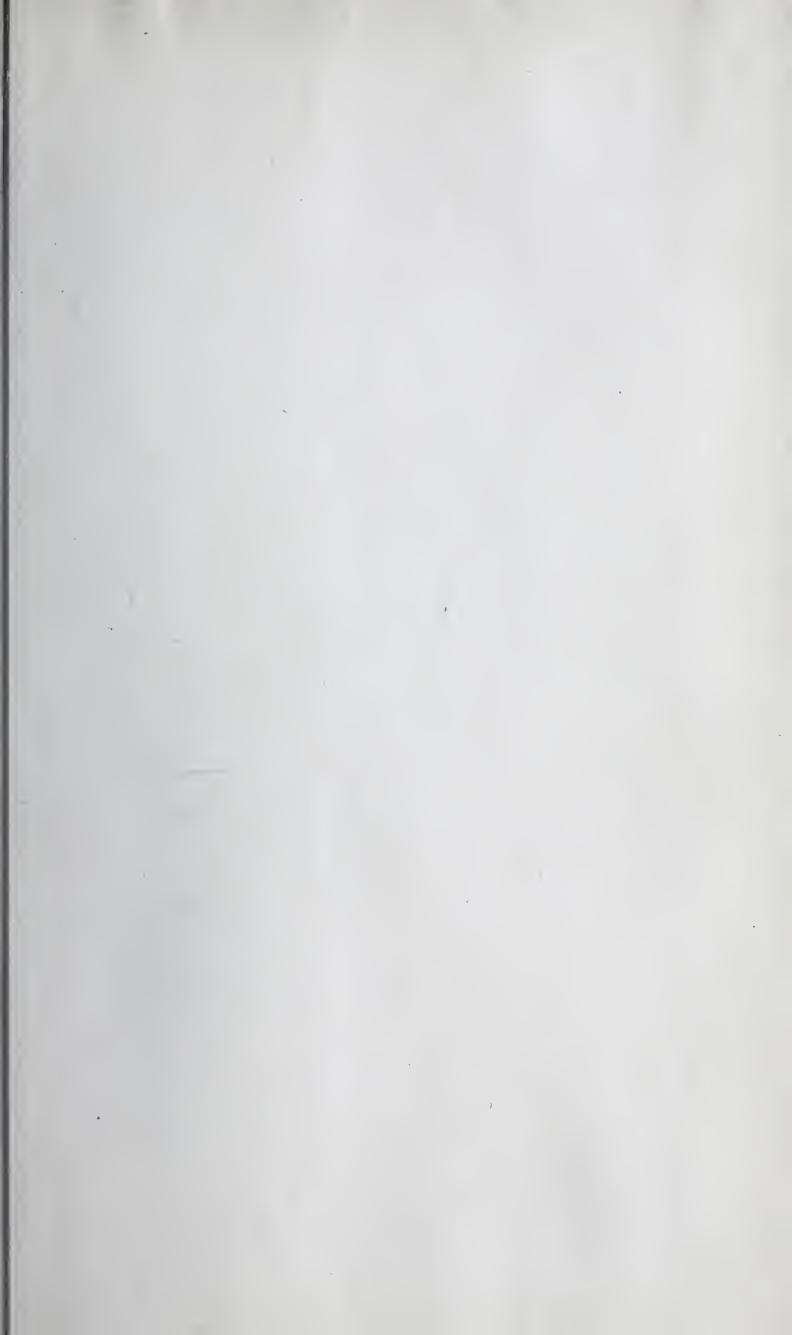
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